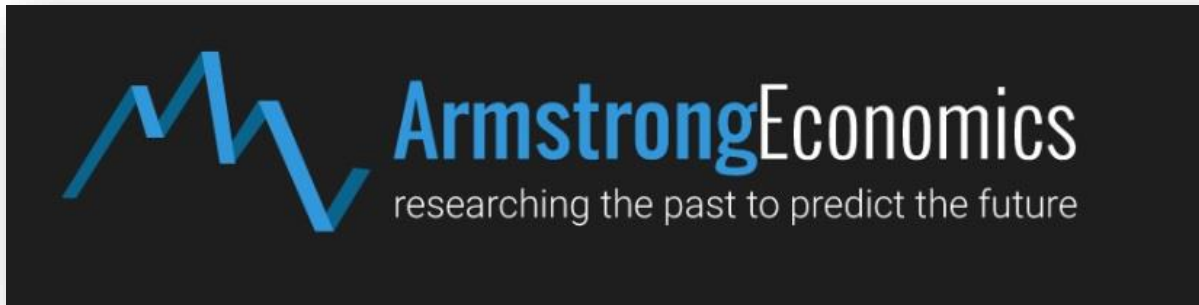


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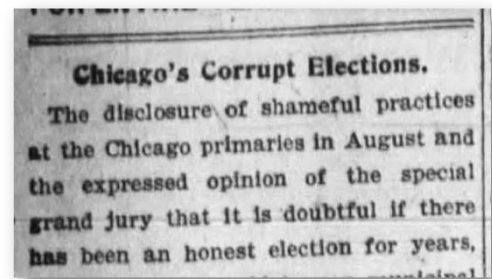


Those who vote decide nothing.

Those who count the vote decide everything.

-- Joseph Stalin

Joseph Stalin (1878–1953) made it clear a long time ago, that those who vote decide nothing. The real decision maker has always been those who count the votes. The long-standing joke about Chicago is the dead always keep voting Democrat. More people vote in Chicago than have ever been alive at one time. The Grand Jury expressed an opinion in 1908 that it was ***“doubtful if there has been an honest election for years.”*** The risk of a fair election is always less than a corrupt one.



The Standard Union - Brooklyn, New York - Dec 5, 1908

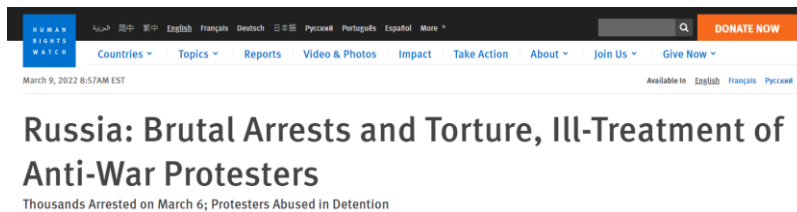
The 2020 election was rigged just as the elections around the world are being rigged for their agenda is so radical, rigging elections has been the only way for their revolution. This entire agenda, right down to war with Russia, would **NEVER** have been possible with Trump as President. Even the CIA knew the election would be rigged. They told Trump they needed more time to release all the Kennedy documents. He granted them the postponement until after the election that they had requested. When Biden won, they asked for an indefinite postponement and he granted it hands down. The CIA will never admit their involvement in taking down Kennedy because he stood in the way of the Vietnam War just as they did with Trump who was against the endless proxy wars against Russia. We are the fools on the hill as the Beatles sang.

“The man of a thousand voices talking perfectly loud. But nobody ever hears him or the sound he appears to make.”



Today, the treatment of January 6th, protestors have shown that the very words of Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence today would be considered treason exactly as the King v Americans:

"Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, & to institute new government,"



Of course, putting American on trial and sentencing them to 5 years in prison calling it an unarmed insurrection is somehow different when Putin arrest anti-war protesters but does not sentence them to 5 years in prison. The Hill reported on March 22, 2022 that Matt Perna facing multiple charges in connection with the Jan. 6 Capitol attack killed himself last week while awaiting trial.

He was 37 years old and believed in America. His family said he died of a "broken heart," and blamed the government and their relentless prosecution for his death. We physiologically



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torture people and suicide is by no means uncommon when ruthlessly persecuted by the state.

There is an agenda here symbolized by the World Economic Forum's Great Reset. While it is not acceptable to even say that the 2020 election was rigged for, they will target you, cancel your free speech, and do everything they can to outright persecute you in hope that you will commit suicide. This is very much like **The Mouth of Truth**, which became the symbol of absolute tyranny during the Republic of Venice.



Venetian "Mouth of Truth"

The end of the Venetian Empire/Republic of Venice, tyranny still surfaced for it simply appeared that those drawn to such offices of power, inevitably become drunk with power and see the people as a threat to that power rather than the source. The Venetian Empire lasted over a millennium between the 7th century and the 18th century from 697AD until 1797AD. As is the case with **ALL** Republics as we have today, they descend into oligarchies and during the process they enter the final stage of their death by not just turning against their own people, but the people divide into groups as we see today and they become increasingly hostile toward one another.

As we have entered this Cancel Culture era, in the case of Venice, they also set up the network of boxes known as the **Mouth of Truth** where anyone could drop anonymous allegation against anyone else. The target quickly discovered that they would be presumed guilty and there was no due process of law that emerged from the Bible when God asked Cain where is your brother. He knew he killed him, but still gave him the right to be heard.



Bridge of Sighs or Sorrows

In Venice, one would be taken to the Doge's Palace on a mere allegation. You were then walked cross what is known as the **Bridge of Sighs or Sorrows**, your last look at the city you once loved. A mere accusation was effectively a death penalty. The accused person would be tortured until they confessed and would be granted a more painless death. The bridge derives its name for it was the last time a prisoner saw the outside world. The

bridge's name was given to by Lord Byron.

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Today, we have people making accusations against others from 30 or 40 years ago, which can never be proven. It is always he said, she said. We are allowing the very same practice that destroyed the Venetian Empire to flower once again and we cannot stop it until it consumes us all in a battle that will never be won. In the process, it will consume society, divide it into groups, and destroy the very strings that bind our society into a civilization.



The very purpose of Civilization is that everyone comes together for their own mutual benefit. Once society is divided into groups, the very purpose of civilization ceases to exist. Even Thomas Jefferson (1743–1826) in the Declaration of Independence included a basic fundamental right of those included in any civilization:

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

Every civilization is bound together by the silver strings of accord. Only through such a unity can a city state become a nation and a nation become an empire. We are all connected just as a tribe formed during the stone age for safety in numbers. This is the fundamental cornerstone of civilization and once society is divided with one group demanding retribution against another, unity no longer becomes viable.

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What is taking place around the globe may sound like a conspiracy theory, but it is demonstrating that there is a central group of Globalists who have their agenda set in place because we are facing the collapse of our financial system.



They are fully aware that we face a major Sovereign Debt default and this



is the push for war in hopes it will result in a new Bretton Woods and provide the excuse for the default of government debt that they realize will undermine the entire pension system. Some have written in and said that they are doing this because of our model's forecasts. All I can say is that I have been warning them for decades that this time was coming. But in politics, nobody is willing to act to prevent a problem that is 20 years away.

All we need do is just look at the recent events in Britain. The Globalists immediately disagreed with the policy of the new Prime Minister – Liz Truss. How dare she try to revitalize the British economy? The nerve of her!

The Globalists hated the fact the UK was leaving the EU. George Soros was pouring money in to keep the “remain” camp in charge. He lost, and it indeed slowed down the globalization plans. It also had the side-effect of reducing the influence of the United States in Brussels.



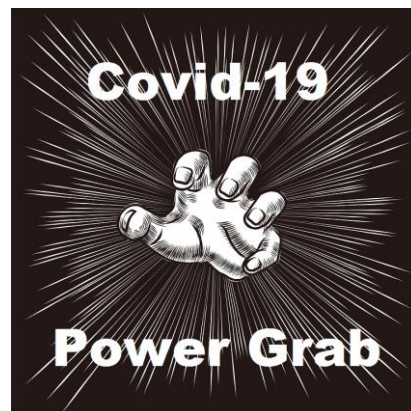
Naturally, the external political funding of the “remain” camp that opposed BREXIT at first, blamed the Russians as they did with Trump's victory. Then they proclaimed that anyone who voted for Brexit was either stupid, racist or stooges of the Russians. With time, they then blamed everything on BREXIT. Gas prices have risen in the UK thanks to the climate zealots but that has been twisted to be the result of BREXIT without any cohesive explanation. Covid was of course because of BREXIT, for the World Health Organization should have been in charge.



Prime Minister David Cameron resigned after he realized he lost and the Globalists demanded he fall on his sword. The Globalists demanded the resignation of Prime Ministers Theresa May after she tried to negotiate what became known as BRINO (Brexit in Name Only). Meanwhile, many MPs were attempting to reverse BREXIT completely as instructed by the Globalists. Prime Minister Boris Johnson seized the reins of power and while he finally ratified at the end of 2020 a version of BREXIT, the Globalists were not pleased.

Meanwhile, the Globalists have even seized control of the newspapers such as the Guardian and Financial Times. News became propaganda which was obviously unreliable. Boris went crazy with the whole COVID-19 nonsense locking people down all for a computer program funded by Bill Gates what was no more sophisticated than a child's game of Sim City. Neil M. Ferguson (born 1968) recommended the lockdowns which destroyed the world economy and set in motion all the shortages and this cycle of inflation.

I had been provided with the source code from Britain to review the Ferguson computer model code and to



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offer my opinion. Just so everyone has some idea, the original program used by Ferguson was “a single 15,000-line file that had been worked on for a decade” and by no means is this remotely sophisticated. I seriously doubt that Imperial College would want to go public with the source code because it is that bad.

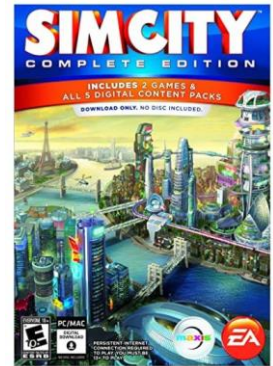
Ferguson's program is just a stochastic, which is INCAPABLE of forecasting a high, low, or projected price target expected to be achieved. Any trader knows that a stochastic is a trend following measure not a forecaster. It is also not a projection tool to say when a market is overbought or oversold. This clearly shows the vast chasm between trading models and academic models where the money is never on the line. The documentation even states:



“The model is stochastic. Multiple runs with different seeds should be undertaken to see average behaviour.”

This model that destroyed the world economy ending globalization, necessitated Ferguson to input his assumption which was wrong. I reported that this model was so old, they recommend that it be run only on a single CORE processor as if we were dealing with an old IBM XT. I further warned that the program began with an assumption much like a children's game SimCity where you create a city starting from scratch. The model then simulates what might happen based entirely on that beginning presumption.

Neil Ferguson reported the 2.2 million death projection to the New York Times's Nicholas Kristof as the “worst case” scenario. When Kristof queried him further for a “best case” scenario, Ferguson answered “About 1.1 million deaths” – a projection based on a modest mitigation strategy.



The National Bureau of Economic Research that came out later concluded:

“In sum, the language of these papers suggests a degree of certainty that is simply not justified. Even if the parameter values are representative of a wide range of cases within the context of the given model, none of these authors attempts to quantify uncertainty about the validity of their broader modeling choices.”

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The American Institute for Economic Research in April 2020, concluded that government made drastic policy decisions based upon unreliable models.

Given the high uncertainties revealed by statistical scrutiny of epidemiological models including among other medical experts, the presumption should go the other way instead. What is warranted is not bold political action in response to speculative models generated with little transparency and dubious suppositions, but rather extreme caution when relying on the very same models to determine policy.¹

On April 4th, 2020, Imperial College itself noted:

"However, we haven't had the time to work out a scalable and maintainable way of running the regression test in a way that allows a small amount of variation, but doesn't let the figures drift over time."

This Ferguson Model was such a joke. It was either an outright fraud or it is the ineptest piece of programming I may have ever seen in my life. There is no valid test to warrant any funding of Imperial College for providing ANY forecast based upon this model. This is the most UNPROFESSIONAL operation perhaps in computer science.

The only REASONABLE conclusion I can reach is that this has been deliberately used to justify bogus forecasts intent for political activism, or I must accept that these academics are totally incapable of even creating a theoretical model no less coding it as a programmer. There seems to have been no independent review of Ferguson's work, which is unimaginable! I could have written this program in a few days. The Gates Foundation provided funding to Imperial College and for Washington University's Institute Metrics & Evaluation. Both models justified lockdowns and vaccines.



The entire COVID scam made Gates billions and it cost the lives of many young people who were vaccinated to suffer with heart failure even after Pfizer admitted they never tested their vaccine even for transmission. All of this was corruption and organized to create panic and control.

¹ <https://www.aier.org/article/how-wrong-were-the-models-and-why/>

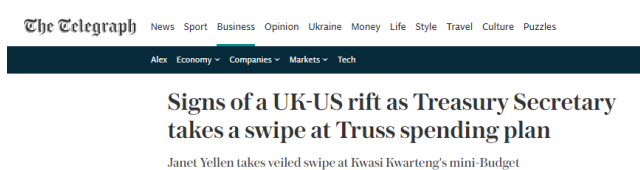
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Perhaps naively, with the election of Liz Truss, many assumed that democracy was still alive. Liz Truss' mini-budget was based on the idea of Thatcher that she would restart the British economy on a path to growth. She stood for cutting taxes where all the statistic shows that lowering taxes has been followed by economic expansion. The Globalists were out to stop her policies and called them 'Trussonomics' in their effort to seize control once again of Britain. Truss was being dubbed the new Thatcher for her policies saved Britain from the eurozone.



The Globalists called upon the hedge funds to help and sell the pound down to force Truss to reverse course. Interestingly, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kwasi Kwarteng, was in Washington DC. He was meeting the bankers who strangely took the Globalist position against him. The Telegraph reported on October 15th, 2022, that Kwarteng was snubbed by the "financial elite" when in Washington. The Telegraph said that it was Kwarteng's steadfast attitude that surprised people like Janet Yellen, the US Treasury Secretary. Kwarteng was trying to follow the policies of Thatcher and Regan and stuck to his message of pro-growth. Clearly, the Globalists were not going to tolerate such a counter-trend from Britain.

Yellow, who says nothing about endless spending by Biden, criticized Britain for "unfunded" tax cuts. When she took the Globalists side and forced Kwarteng's dismissal, Yellen commented that "she appreciated his service" but "in countries where there is generally high inflation, especially advanced countries, it's important for fiscal policy to play not a prime role, but an important one." Yellen was hypocritical given the relentless Biden spending agenda.





This is no conspiracy theory. The Globalists keep expanding their power, eliminating the ability of the people to decide the fate of their own nation. The head of the IMF, Alfred Kammer, also rejected Kwarteng position in trying to cut taxes. It appears that his trip to Washington DC to appear before the Globalists failed and led to behind the curtain demands for his dismissal. Truss got the message. How dare you go against the Globalists.

Kwarteng was dismissed in London to placate the Globalists. Even more bizarre, the new Chancellor needed to be chosen but it would be a decision by Truss. Out of the blue, Liz Truss was forced to replace Kwarteng. In the morning, the BBC was told that Truss believed Kwasi Kwarteng was doing “an excellent job” as Chancellor and the pair were “in lockstep” on the future of Britain.

Then came the afternoon, Liz Truss has effectively ordered to dismiss her close ally and friend. Then, in a shocking announcement, Truss appointed Jeremy Hunt to replace Kwarteng. Truss suddenly turned her back on everything she argued for. If Kwarteng even screwed up, the logical pick should have been either Nadhim Zahawi or Sajid Javid. Both had backed Truss in the leadership contest and were therefore seen as more obvious choices.

Even more bizarre, Jeremy Hunt became her pick who had ZERO qualification. He had no Treasury experience whatsoever. Hunt had even taken the position against Boris Johnson. Hunt was in with the Globalists. The very day she appointed Hunt, he was not even there. Hunt did not appear by the Prime Minister’s side when she announced his appointment. That was without precedent.



Jeremy Hunt was actually in Brussels for three days. He was being told what had to be done. For you see, if Britain was allowed to actually cut taxes and try to revitalize its economy, that would be at the expense of the EU. Capital would flee the Europe and move to Britain.

Liz Truss' press conference was certainly not upbeat. She claimed Hunt had experience which he did not. She appeared more like a world leader being held as a hostage with a gun pointed at her head – read this or else. We witnessed the Globalists are stepping out and becoming far more aggressive than ever before.



Jeremy Hunt then jumped on the Eurostar with orders in hand from the Globalists to reverse Truss' policies. Hunt immediately killed Liz Truss' mini-budget. Everything was entirely just obliterated. The income tax rate cut just evaporated, the freeze on alcohol duty rates ended immediately, and of course the dividend tax cuts were eliminated.

The direct assault on the people was his killing of any freeze on energy bill prices. That was probably the most serious reversal of

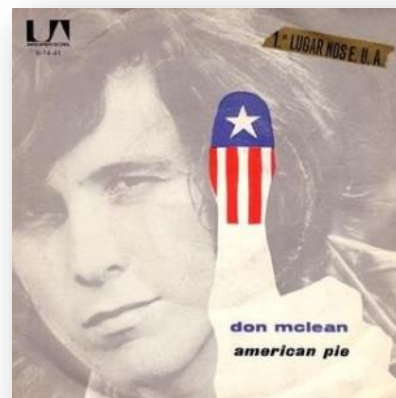
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fortune for everyone ending the promised two-year agenda. The Globalists demanded fuel prices must rise to justify their Climate Change agenda. Hunt explained this had to “incentivize energy efficiency.” He added that he would further cut spending even more. He also attacked the NHS imposing austerity measures. However, the one policy he left alone was directed at the Globalists. The bankers’ bonus cap would be lifted.

As far as democracy was concerned, what comes to mind in Don McLean’s song saying he:

“Drove my Chevy to the levee, But the levee was dry, Them good old boys were drinking whiskey and rye, Singing, “This’ll be the day that I die.” This will be the day that I die”

As I have said many times, I KNOW the way this all works. I was asked to take the position of Chief Economic Adviser in the White House under George Bush, Jr.- I declined. But I saw from the inside that even the cabinet of a president is selected by the insiders. Today, those insiders have been taken over by the Globalists with a whole new agenda.



Crisis in Democracy



We are the dreamers of dreams always in search of a better world creating visions of only impossible dreams. For indeed, we have been our own worst enemy – the preverbal world losers forsaking our divine gift of common sense, unable to learn from our mistakes as a society or ever to pass on knowledge from one generation to the next. Knowledge requires experience and we become doomed by our own inability to see even what is before our very eyes.

Yet in this strange paradox, we are wandering in search of freedom where our dignity remains paramount life is free of turmoil, but we hand power over us to those seeking power to dictate and rule over what they too fail to comprehend. Our very lives cease to be our own merely because those who seek power far too often are control freaks who abuse their power and become captured by their own delusions of grandeur while all the time, they too are destined only to guide us to our own self-destruction. Sadly, there has never been a civilization that has ever survived, They fall from within opening the door to foreign powers that will inevitably secure our own demise.



In my many years of dealing with governments, I find that there are those who become authoritarian tend to be obsessive control freaks. They are the people who emerge as the worst tyrant in history for they are in constant need to make sure that everything goes their way.

We do not seem to be able to avoid all the control freaks of the world. Perhaps the best we can do is understand the psychology behind the behavior and ban them from power over society at all costs. Right now, world politics has indeed been usurped by the Globalists who, from what I can tell, are all control freaks.



Control freaks who especially seek political power or control tend to have a psychological need to be in charge of things and people around them. In a personal relationship, they are not a monstrous threat to society. As Abraham Lincoln said, if you want to test a man's true character, given him power.

Consequently, control freaks often attempt to dictate circumstances that cannot be changed or even controlled. The need for control can stem from deeper psychological issues such as obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), anxiety disorders or personality disorders.

People who try to dominate you in a personal relationship can be exhausting and suffocating. Take that trait to politics and we call it tyranny. They say that people who have control issues generally experience a lot of anxiety. They then try to control things to reduce their anxiety level. This can be very dangerous when mixed with power.



I believe both Klaus Schwab and George Soros are control freaks. Both go out of their way to force their visions upon change society. It is one thing to be an armchair economist and talk about such things while drink beer with friends. It is entirely something different when you pour in every effort and resource to may your vision become reality. That was the very character of Karl Marx as well.

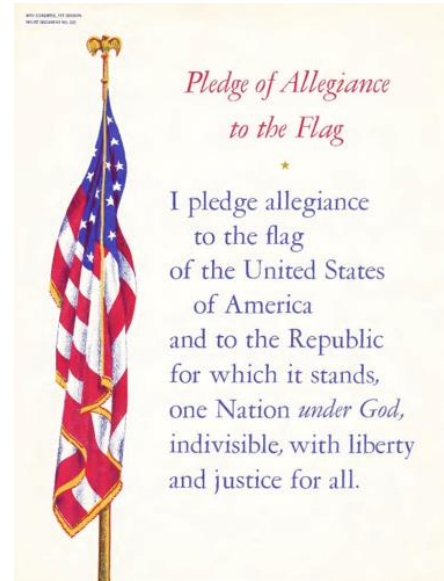
For several years now, the Klaus Schwab and his World Economic Forum have been pushing his economic vision of the world at his annual corporate celebrity bash at his Davos Summit in Switzerland. His arrogance seeks to overthrow everything we have built since World War II. He wants to tear down market capitalism and profit-maximizing corporations and replace them with a new economic model called "stakeholder capitalism." If corporations no longer care about making money for their shareholders, then why would people bother to invest?



People like Schwab and Soros have been fanning the flames of our own destruction. There has been this raging battle between the Left and the Right that has engulfed the entire political world with some politicians cross-dressing from time to time pretending to be something they are not all to just win votes.

Crisis in Democracy

Democracy, a term I use very loosely, is dying if it is not already dead. We delude ourselves and politicians pound their chest against Russia or China and proclaim they are not democratic and therefore evil. But we in the West, America and Europe, are not living in a democracy. We live in Republics, which historically crumble with time because they always devolve into the most corrupt form of government. Even the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag school children had to swear every morning states clearly, we live in a "Republic" not a Democracy where the people would actually decide do we go to war as our fearless leaders command or do the people actually make that decision.

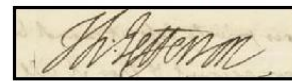


"When once a Republic is corrupted, there is no possibility of remedying any of the growing evils but by removing the corruption and restoring its lost principles; every other correction is either useless or a new evil."

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Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)



We live in a delusion, a nightmare from which there seems to be no escape. Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) knew too well the evil of Republics. Even Cicero pleaded with the Roman Senate in a speech in favor of the impeachment of a corrupt magistrate, Caius Verres, he urged the Senate to please apply the laws equally in order to protect the reputation of Rome. Indeed, I have gathered all the sources concerning when Julius Caesar (100-44BC) was forced to cross the Rubicon because the Roman Senate was unbelievably corrupt and the leader of that corruption was actually Cato the Younger (95-46BC). It was the Senate that fled Rome because the people cheered Caesar – not the Senate.

We have reached that same point where our Republics no longer represent us, We the People. They only represent the control freaks who seek to change the

very foundation of the world in which we live. The events the surround Liz Truss and the opposition that effectively demanded that she comply with their wishes has exposed to the extent of how our “representative” form of government no longer represent the people, but only the special interests that have become authoritarian.

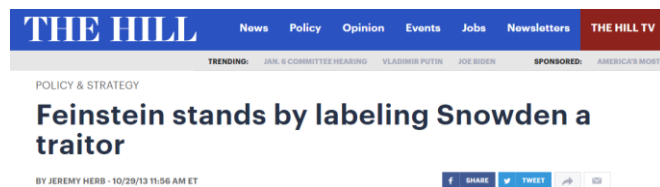


Wars are waged not by the people, but by those in power. We are but the pieces on their chessboard when war is merely phase two of politics when words pass to violence the same as two drunks in a bar. But our political leaders are merely drunk with power. We the people stand to gain nothing. The most a soldier can hope for is to return from war unharmed.

While the sentiments contained in this report have not yet become sufficiently understood by the majority of the people to warrant some revolution, that will start to change post-2024 reaching an ultimate crescendo by 2028. Nevertheless, both inflation and time will convert many to the realization that our political system is broken.



Our leaders today have confused We the People (society) with government itself. They no longer see nor believe that remains any distinction between them in their political capacity and that the true sovereignty of our countries.



As we saw with Edward Snowden, Senator Diane Feinstein called Edward a traitor for telling the people that the government was acting illegally. This proved my point. Politicians have

become drunk with power and we are the scum beneath their feet and treason is now defined as exposing corrupt politicians – not against the people. Even merely replaced the king with the arrogance of politicians. This is what is coming to an end.

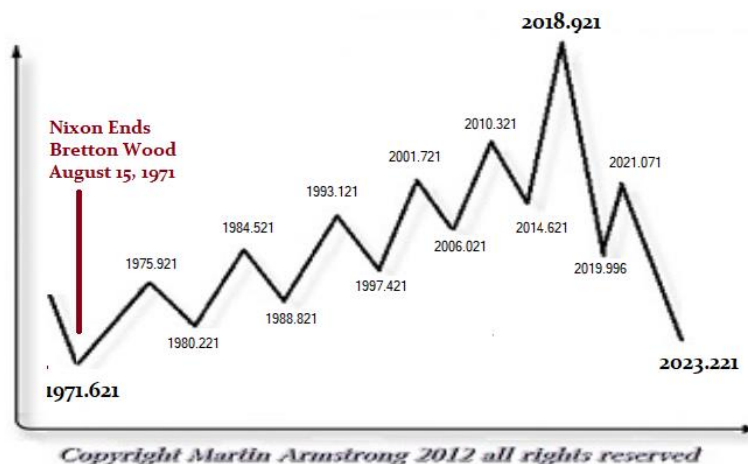


No matter what form of government exists, they always act in their own self-interest just as Biden has been depleting the strategic oil reserves for the midterm election as shown in this classic BRANCO cartoon, while shutting down domestic production of fossil fuels all for his agenda with the Climate Change zealots. Biden went to Saudi Arabia to beg them to increase production for the midterms, which would be against their own self-interest. The Biden Administration is really saying that he wants to bankrupt the OPEC nations and send them back to the days of camel herding.



When Saudi Arabia denied his request, Biden accused them of supporting Russia. "There's going to be some consequences for what they've done with Russia," Biden said during an interview with CNN. Meanwhile, he is using the Strategic Oil Reserve for personal political gain. He has placed the United States in the most vulnerable position ever. The first OPEC price shock was 1973.794. What started the crisis was the collapse of Bretton Woods on August 15th, 1971 when President Richard Nixon was forced to withdraw from the gold standard (1971.621). Go back 51.6 years from there, you come to January 1920 (1920.021) which was the high in the dollar post-World War I from which a 10-year decline began into 1930.

Bretton Woods Cycle



Although Bretton Woods only lasted 26 years, even if it has its own 26-year cycle, the next interval in 2023. If we take the standard 51.6-year ECM from the fall of Bretton Woods on August 15th, 1971, the next target would ideally be March 21/22, 2023. Curiously, the highest annual closing in crude oil first arrived in 1981 at \$34.71. Interestingly, 26 years from there brought the highest annual closing again which was 2007 at \$95.98.

The OPEC shock to oil prices of 1973 has been regarded as the primary cause of the 1973–1975 recession resulting in stagflation where costs rose but economic growth declined. The combination of stagnant economic growth and inflation unleashed rising prices and high unemployment.

The OPEC embargo production cuts quadrupled the price of oil from \$2.90 a barrel before the embargo to \$11.65 a barrel in January 1974. U.S. domestic producers were not in a position to increase production and could not prevent the rise in prices. High gas prices forced consumers to change their purchasing habits in many areas. This above all shook the very confidence in the government. The election of 1976 saw the Republicans thrown out and Jimmy Carter became president in 1977–1981.

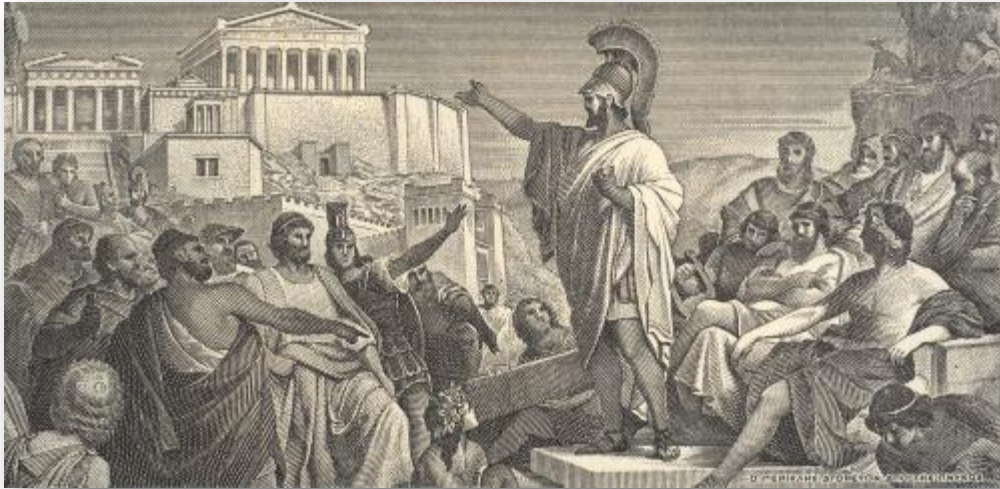
Ever since the 1973 crisis, every President, except Joe Biden, has placed the agenda of energy security high on the presidential priorities and dealt with it in different ways. OPEC has lost some power until Biden came to town. Now they are flexing their muscles and rightly so since the Biden Administration has effectively declared war on fossil fuels.

Crisis in Democracy

The goal of energy independence was achieved under Trump. Now, under Biden, he had depleted the oil reserves all to save the Democrats from their own policies of ending fossil fuels. Worse still, the Biden Administration has now opened the door to the decline and fall of the United States for another oil embargo would be devastating to the US economy and the people are totally unaware how vulnerable their livelihood now stands thanks to the Democrats.

Biden's depleting of the Strategic Oil Reserves has been an arbitrary decision he made further demonstrating that we have a real Crisis in Democracy. Not even Congress was allowed to vote on this decision, which threatens our very way of life in the future. This is indistinguishable from an arbitrary decision made by the king against who we revolted against. This time, Biden has stripped all of us from our energy independence and denied any right for Congress to be heard on this matter and thus once again, we have arbitrary actions without representation.

Democracy Must Die



When they established the European Union, they deliberately eliminated the right of the people to even vote for the head of state. Worst still, the European Union has declared there is no right to leave. Five years ago, on October 1st, 2017, 92% of voters in Catalonia backed splitting from the rest of Spain in a referendum Madrid deemed illegal. But after the Catalan parliament declared independence, the Spanish government imposed direct rule, sacked its leaders and dissolved the parliament. Freedom of the people no longer exists. Even in the United States, even Justice Scalia had said that there is no right to succeed and that was decided in the American Civil War.

Athenian Democracy differed from the Roman Republic insofar as the people voted on major issues such as war. It is true that Plato and even Socrates opposed Democracy only because they saw that the head of state was untrained. But in a Republic, there is still no qualification for anyone running for office. That obviously includes the president himself. A Republic merely opening the door to oppression for the pretend "representatives" can run for office promising whatever, and then in Washington they are told your will vote party line.

We can argue and yell back and forth, but it will change nothing. For as much as we may believe we have any right to vote and that the state is somehow controlled by the people, there is nothing that is further from the truth than this

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Pericles
(495-429BC)

fiction of our imagination. Democracy is dead. We have lost the right to vote on any issue that even directly impacts our personal future.

Athens was the birthplace of Democracy in within six months of the birth of the Roman Republic. Pericles (495-429BC) was a great leader. He gave his Funeral Oration in 431BC, shortly after the Peloponnesian War had begun. The speech commemorated the troops that had already perished in the war.

What he described of Athens was indeed what people were fighting for – freedom. Sparta was its mortal enemy. It was the first communist state. Sparta never issued coinage, for personal wealth was forbidden.

The difference between Athens and Sparta was similar to the difference between the United States and Russia as well as China during the cold war which has become a red hot war today. Pericles explained:

"I should like to point out by what principles of action we rose to power, and under what institutions and through what manner of life our empire became great. For I conceive that such thoughts are not unsuited to the occasion, and that this numerous assembly of citizens and strangers may profitably listen to them.

(2.37) 'Our form of government does not enter into rivalry with the institutions of others. We do not copy our neighbours, but are an example to them. It is true that we are called a democracy, for the administration is in the hands of the many and not of the few. But while the law secures equal justice to all alike in their private disputes, the claim of excellence is also recognised; and when a citizen is in any way distinguished, he is preferred to the public service, not as a matter of privilege, but as the reward of merit. Neither is poverty a bar, but a man may benefit his country whatever be the obscurity of his condition. There is no exclusiveness in our public life, and in our private intercourse we are not suspicious of one another, nor angry with our neighbour if he does what he likes; we do not put on sour looks at him which, though harmless, are not pleasant. While we are thus unconstrained in our private intercourse, a spirit of reverence pervades our public acts; we are prevented from doing wrong by respect for the authorities and for the laws, having an especial regard to those which are ordained for the protection of the injured as well as to those unwritten laws which bring upon the transgressor of them the reprobation of the general sentiment.'

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Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679)

We can do battle to the death, and indeed countless millions have died for this endless contest between authoritarian regimes and actual freedom, which we have not obtained. Yet, the harsh reality is that while the politicians may come and go, the self-interest of the state endures. This is a beast once characterized as the Leviathan by Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679AD), the monster representing the English Common-Wealth.

The reason this battle can never be won, is because the true Leviathan is not the body politic, but the hard-core Bureaucracy! No matter how we vote, no matter what laws we enact, it remains the unelected Bureaucrats who decide what to enforce, what the laws mean, and how they will prosecute be it merely civil to confiscate wealth, or criminal to often create political prisoners.

Ignored by almost all, is that there is no escape from Adam Smith 's Invisible Hand meaning that the state has its own self-interest and it will survive by whatever ruthless means possible when threatened. This current battle against the Concentration of Wealth among individuals that is turning the world upside down, has been waged even against religions to confiscate their wealth as well. The state, no matter who is in charge, will always spend more than it has and become a ruthless oppressor of all rights to survive. This is simply the sad message that history has to offer.

We seem to be frozen within time, compelled to act out the same play with the same ending that nobody ever wins, it is just an oscillation between two extremes. Ironically, sometimes it is the most religious that inflicts the most horror, for they believe they know the will of God and see themselves as the justified and anointed hand of God on earth to punish anyone who disagrees with them.

Exploiting Religion for Political Control



The Venetian Four Horses of Constantinople

Those in power seem to abandon religion for that merely interferes with their exercise of power. What they quickly seem to adopt is converting religion from a belief into merely a political tool of power to control the people. The course of Venice changed with the election of Enrico Dandolo (1192–1205) who became perhaps the most famous of all the doges. Under the pretense of a Crusade against Islam to restore access to Christian sites for travelers, he used the Crusade to actually sack Constantinople – the last vestige of the Roman Empire.

For two days, after the city fell, it was sacked by the Latins on April 12th and 13th, 1204. This is when the four famous bronze horses that pulled a pair of chariots in the Hippodrome were saved from the melting pot taken to Venice and now adorn the facade of St. Mark's Church. Venice displaced the legacy of the Roman Empire. The ancient city fell and its wealth was dispersed while much was simply destroyed in the fever of plundering.



Enrico Dandolo (1192-1205)

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Latin Rulers of Constantinople (1204-1261 AD)
Billon Trachy, large module (4.68 grams) struck in Constantinople

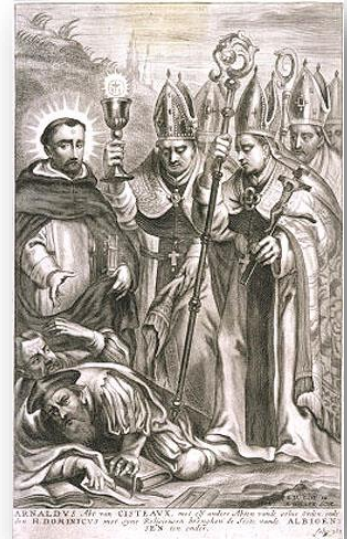
The Hippodrome was full of bronze statues. Like the Vandals who sacked Rome and ripped the bronze from the roofs of temples, the Crusaders melted the bronze statues turning them into coin. The four bronze gilded horses were the only specimens that have survived from that ancient city. The Crusaders gathered everything from precious stones to

anything of value. It was hauled together and evaluated for everything had to be converted to a value. That value came to 300,000 marks of silver. The vast majority of wealth was hidden and survived. So much for the Crusade against Islam just so happened to sack the once capital of Christianity.

Religion has been used to inspire fools to surrender their lives claiming they are defending God when they are just the pawns of finance for politicians, ministers, princes, and kings.

Arnaud Amalric (died 1225) was a very prominent abbot in the Albigensian Crusade (1209–1229), also known as the Cathar Crusade, which was a 20-year military campaign initiated by Pope Innocent III (1198–1216AD) to eliminate Catharism in the south of France.

The Cathars believed in two Gods or philosophies, with the first one being good and the second being evil. This idea emerged from the clash between the vengeful God of the Old Testament and the Love Thy Neighbor God of the New Testament.



The European crusade against them was primarily led by the French crown in an attempt to bring southern France, which was largely controlled by the Spanish Counts of Barcelona, under their political control. It was during the acclaimed religious war, which was really for French political gain, that the monk Amalric is best remembered for allegedly advising a soldier who was worried about killing orthodox Catholics in the process of killing declared Cathar heretics. He said:

"Novit enim Dominus qui sunt eius."
(*"Kill them. For the Lord knows those that are His own."*)

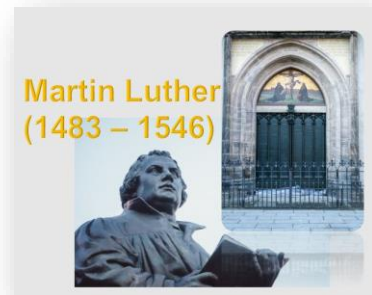
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The Puritans killed over 400 Indians because their women were bare-breasted and that offended God. Killing innocent women, and children, of course, made God Cheer in their minds. The myth of the “first Thanksgiving” started the tradition that founded the holiday, but in truth, it began as the harvest celebration of 1621. The next official “day of thanksgiving” was after settlers massacred over 400 Pequot men, women, and children. The truth is often whitewashed.

It does not matter what religion. Even in Islam, the concept and practice of jihad have been critical in its history. From the rise of Islam and the creation and expansion of the Muslim community, jihad has played a central role. Jihad (exertion or struggle) is sometimes referred to as the Sixth Pillar of Islam. Throughout history, (as in other faiths) sacred scripture has been used and abused, interpreted and misinterpreted, to justify resistance and liberation struggles, extremism, terrorism, holy and unholy wars.

Even the Protestant Reformation was funded by Catholic businessmen who wanted to engage in banking. In the Catholic Church, that was the sin of usury. The best way for a Christian to enter the banking system was to fund Luther’s Protestant Revolution.

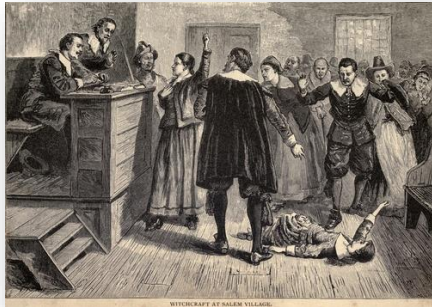


Oliver Cromwell (1599–1658)(Lord Protector until he died 1653-1658)

The eternal battle for political control is also clearly intertwined with the pretense of religion, if not for anything else, but to try to justify their position. Karl Marx hated religion and under Communism, all places of worship were destroyed. The civil war in England also demonstrated how there was this underlying current of trying to grab wealth or power under the pretense of religion. The English Revolution

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brought an end to the reign of Charles I (1600–1649) who was beheaded because he was Catholic. Monarchy was thus ended and the Protector, Puritan Oliver Cromwell (1599–1658) seized power and ruled between 1653–1658 even placing his own portrait on the coinage.



The Puritan outlawed sports and Christmas. Sports led to cursing. It was a felony to kiss your wife in public. During Christmas they were to be praying, not celebrating with gifts. They had spies who would look into people's window to see if they had any decorations or were celebrating Christmas in any way other than praying.

Under the pretense of religion, whenever zealots seize power under the claim of religion and use the power of the state to enforce their version of religion, they historically attack all amusements as sinful and, in the end, justified killing people because they offend God. At times, these same people often confiscate all wealth and execute the rich they claim for their wealth offends God.

The horror of the Salem Witch Trials is legendary. Salem was a Puritan community, and its inhabitants live in an extremely restrictive society. Although the Puritans left England to avoid religious persecution, they established a society in America founded upon religious intolerance.



Constantine the Great's Vision of the Cross by Raphael

Constantine I the Great (306–337AD) sought to be the sole emperor and he used Christianity as his tool to power. He was really waging civil war. He took a risk to

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move against Maxentius' forces which greatly outnumbered his own. Constantine fought several battles on his way to Rome. The final battle came on October 28th, 312AD at Milvian Bridge. It was this battle where Constantine I claimed to have had a vision of Christ and saw the sign of the cross in the sky. He then instructed his army to paint the cross on their shields. He then marched against Maxentius under the Christian symbol of the cross and since Maxentius' army was primarily Christians, they did not want to kill fellow Christians yielding the battle to Constantine.



Maxentius
(306 – 312 AD)



Christian Basilica of Maxentius

Despite the biased historical accounts, the Battle of Milvian Bridge was less of a battle between Christianity and Paganism as it was a battle for power and control. While Maxentius may have been a Pagan, he did not persecute the Christians but in fact, built the first Christian church in Rome.

No doubt, Constantine realized that placing the cross on the shield of his army would disrupt his opposing force who outnumbered him 2 to 1. It was a brilliant move. Historians have written much of the Battle of Milvian Bridge. It has been characterized as the battle between Christianity and Paganism by biased Christian authors. As Maxentius' troops began to retreat across a temporary bridge constructed upon boats, Maxentius himself fell into the water when the bridge collapsed along with thousands of his troops. His armor proved too heavy and thus he drowned in the waters of the Tiber. That ended the



Maxentius
(306-312AD)

battle. His scepter is the only surviving example from any Roman emperor. Note that it portrays the world as a planet and not flat.

The Rule of Law & the Leviathan



When we look at the cornerstone of civilization upon which any hope of a democratic process could exist, the critical element remains the Rule of Law. We find that history warns that the Rule of Law is never safe in the hands of the state, for no matter what form of government one lives under, justice is only whatever the state's self-interest decides. This is the sad fate of humankind for we always will live under tyranny no matter what form of government and they look down upon us as merely their pawns of finance.



We do not vote for any of the things that truly matter. We may vote for a president, senator, and a congressman, but they are merely pretend representatives who in turn are told they must vote party line. They can run and promise something and when they are voted in, they are told that is very nice, but that is not how things work here.

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We never know who decides the party line. Never anyone that we actually elect. They denied Ron Paul to speak at the 2012 Republican convention as they did to anyone who supported the Tea Party. Trump fought against the party line and lost.



Today, we may think we live in a democracy for that is what they tell us when we live in republics and politician despise democracy – power to the actual people. Republics are always firmly in the hands of what is truly an oligarchy. Then there is what people often call the Deep State, which is actually the unelected Bureaucracy. That ever changes for they never stand for election.

Even in a perfect world, the President appoints heads of departments, who again are unelected political appointments. They never are elected by the people so these people are never accountable in any election process. In most cases, they are just figure heads who are not truly accepted into the ranks of the bureaucracy over which they pretend to rule.

In the Judiciary poses the real dictatorial threat to civilization. Neither the Senators nor Congressmen will ever investigate the judges appointed for life and they are never held accountable for the normal frailties of old age. Lately, we see how partisan politics plays a role as they go after Trump when before, never was a past president ever subject to criminal prosecution in an attempt to prevent a future run for office.

We lack any independent eye on those who occupy the seat of power. Supreme Court Justice Brown wrote for the Court in 1982, the definition of tyranny as defined by James Madison in the Federalist Papers No 47, p300

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“The accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive, and judiciary, in the same hands, whether of one, a few, or many, and whether hereditary, self-appointed, or elective, may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny.”

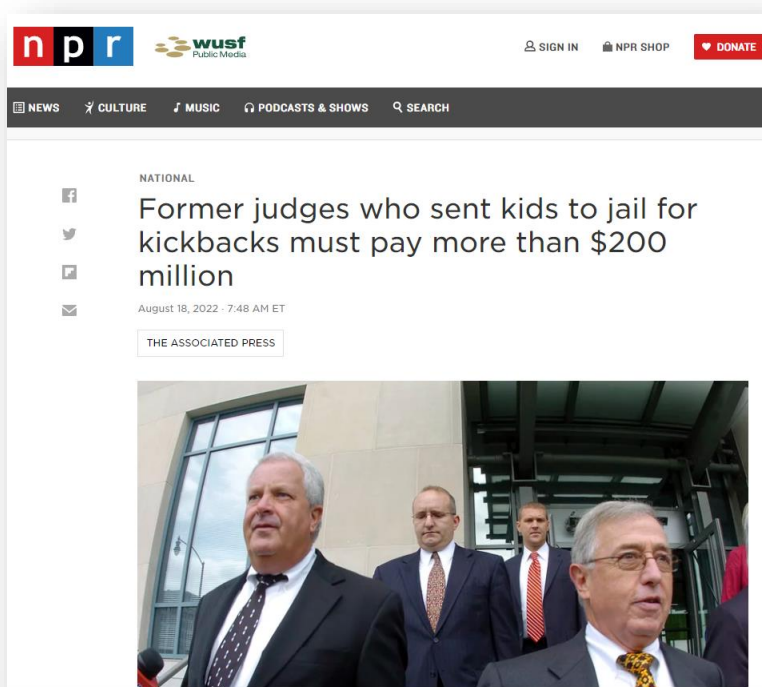
Northern Pipeline v Marathon Pipeline, 458 US 50, 57 (1982)

As a people, the King may have been overthrown, but he has only been replaced in title by ministers. The tyranny that we face from unelected bureaucrats is simply indistinguishable from what the American colonists rose up against – denial of representation. This form of internal corruption is widespread right from the Federal Government down into the state level. Judges will never entertain the argument for they are beholding to the very system that gave them power.

An example of judicial corruption was a case where two judges in Pennsylvania were finally arrested and charged with taking bribes from privately-owned prisons. They were sentencing young teenage boys and girls under 18 to incarceration on mere petty offenses to fill the prison so the owners could make money.

The two now corrupt judges, Mark A. Ciavarella, Jr (58) and Michael T. Conahan (56) were two of the most senior judges in that district. These judges helped private contracts for prisons worth about \$58 million, according to CNN.

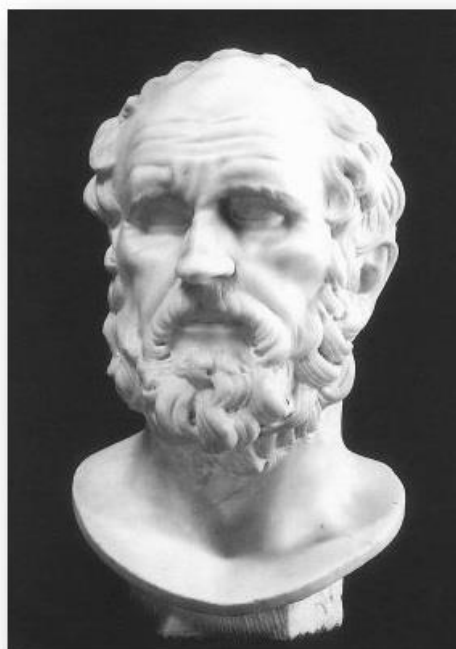
Ciavarella ordered children as young as 8 years old to detention, many of them were first-time offenders deemed delinquent for petty theft, jaywalking, truancy, smoking on school grounds and other minor infractions. Basically, any excuse was good enough to send children to prison. The arrogance that judges are above the law was exemplified by that case.



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This issue was championed by the Juvenile Law Center in Philadelphia who filed a petition to the State's Supreme Court that was ignored. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court, like the Federal, has claimed it is not bound to uphold the law. It is purely a matter of their discretion. They had refused to hear the case no doubt because judges don't like to sit in judgment over fellow judges.

"[T]he different forms of government make law democratical, aristocratical, tyrannical, with a view to their several interests; and these laws, which are made by them for their own interests, are the justice which they deliver to subjects, and him who transgresses them they punish as a breaker of the law, and unjust. And that is what I mean when I say that in all states there is the same principle of justice, which is the interest of the government; and as the government must be supposed to have power, the only reasonable conclusion as, that everywhere there is one principle of justice, which is the interest of the stronger."



Thrasymachus (Θρασύμαχος)
(ca. 459-400 BC)

Judges present the single greatest threat to our liberty, property, and our way of life, for there is no one who judges the judges. The Second Circuit when confronted by judges altering the transcripts of the words spoken in court, a 20-year felony, merely said they lacked the power to order judges to obey the law UNITED STATES v. ZICHETTELO, 208 F.3d 72, 97 (2d Cir. 2000)

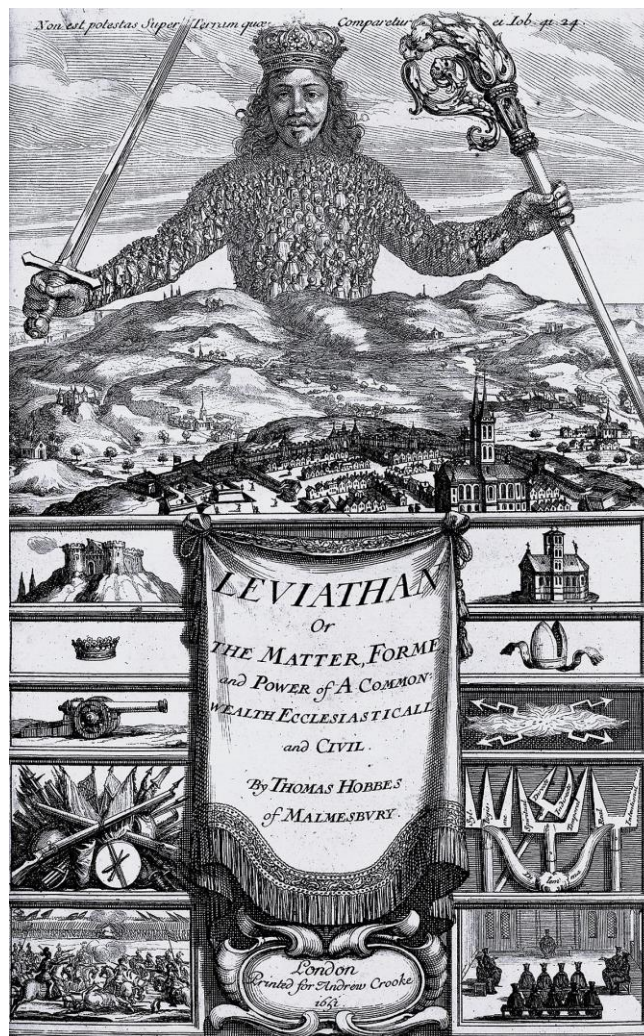
This is why in Plato's Republic we find a classic debate between Socrates and Thrasymachus, in which I fear the later was correct and the former paid for his wrong beliefs with his life. Socrates (479-399BC) believed that justice in a democracy would exist. Thrasymachus' argument was that all governments, regardless of their form, are really the same insofar justice is concerned. Justice is merely the will of the government no matter what label it uses to define itself.

Martin Luther King declared that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." It was Lillian Hellman who said that "since when do you have to

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agree with people to defend them from injustice?" Indeed, perhaps the most profound thought regarding injustice, which becomes the norm in every state, was said by Pierce Brown, in the *Red Rising*.

"Man cannot be freed by the same injustice that enslaved it."



Thomas Hobbes (1588–1679) the "Leviathan" published 1651

It was the corruption within the Athenian Democracy that led to the position of one of history's greatest analysts of political power, Thomas Hobbes (1588–1679AD). It was Hobbes whose career was often interrupted by the necessity of flight during the English Civil Wars.

Of all his works, the *Leviathan* stands out as perhaps his crowning achievement. The Leviathan, of course, was the famous sea monster defeated by Yahweh in



Thucydides
(c. 460—404BC)

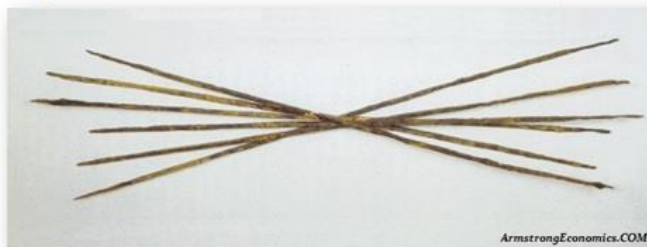
various scriptural accounts. Hobbes coined this image as the political state. His first published work was in 1628. It was a translation of the Greek work of Thucydides (460–404BC), who attracted Hobbes' attention no doubt for his down-to-earth view of mankind and how they could in fact improve themselves through the lessons of history. That did stand in contrast with Aristotle, which was taught at the time at Oxford University.

Hobbes later in his autobiography, admitted that he was also impressed for Thucydides exposed him to the dangers of democracy. Thucydides is perhaps the first great Greek historian who wrote the *History of the Peloponnesian War* between Sparta and Athens. He was in Athens for the great plague of 430–429BC and also came down with it, but he survived unlike many others.

Thucydides was even given a command, but lost the city of Amphipolis to a surprise Spartan attack. He was recalled, stripped of his command, made to stand trial, and sentenced to exile for 20 years for losing that battle. That war ended only with the defeat of Athens in 404BC.

Thucydides' work shows a conflict of character whereas the Athenians were portrayed as more reactionary in their thinking and individualistic compared to the Peloponnesian character that was portrayed as much more conservative. This was the core of the conflict and we may put this into a modern perspective using the terms of "democracy" against the "communistic" style of Sparta.

Sparta v Athens - Clash of Philosophies

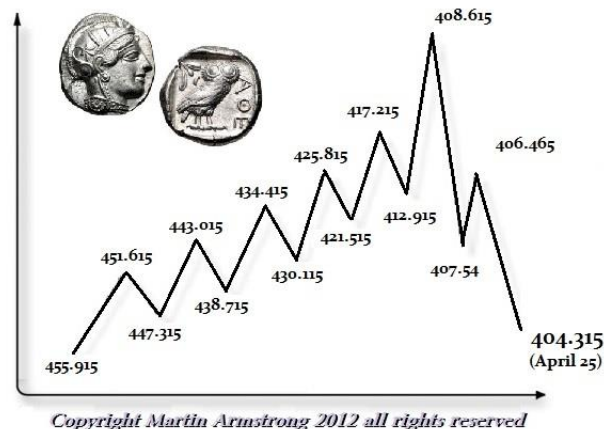


The origin of Greek coinage was the Obol
(ancient Greek: *obolos*, literally "spit, iron rod") According to Plutarch, the Spartans had an iron *obolus* of four *chalkoi*. Sparta chose to retain the use of the crude and cumbersome, impractical "*oboloi*" for their monetary system rather than adopt any coinage in order to discourage the pursuit of wealth (see Plutarch, *Lycurgus* 9). This philosophy symbolized the virtual communistic view of Sparta. In Classical Athens, the *obol* became a silver coin 0.64 grams & six *obols* = *drachma* (meaning "handful")

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Sparta was dedicated to a military oligarchy that rejected the arts, philosophy, and literature. Sparta was the closest thing that we had to an ancient communistic state where it is the bureaucracy that truly controlled power reducing individual liberties and achieving a standardized world where the people were essentially treated the same. In fact, Sparta never issued coinage for that would encourage individual wealth.

The Economic Confidence Model The Fall of Athens (455-404 BC)



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Athens was the city of free speech and art. It issued currency which became the first world currency with even countries such as Egypt, which also did not issue coinage, that produced imitations of Athenian tetradrachms simply to be able to engage in international trade.

Thucydides portrays Pericles as combining caution and moderation with a daring imagination and intellect. He above all was casting Pericles as a leader of a new age. Athens had become the financial capital of the ancient world. That inspired much jealousy – especially in Sparta.

There is little doubt that Hobbes was greatly influenced by Thucydides. Hobbes saw an image of very competing personalities which had evolved and that the idea of a Democracy truly did not work. Hobbes believed that the sovereignty of the King was the best solution to the pain of man. The king had power that could not be corrupted with bribes nor was he subject to the whims of change in attitudes among the people that might come and go.

Hobbes had a brilliant mind. He saw the English Civil War rage around him and had to flee for his life because of his ideas that were obviously rejected by the Puritans. Yet Hobbes is not lost to an age of kings long since passed. If we look beyond the head of state, we still see the Leviathan constructed from the ranks of the Bureaucracy that never changes. Perhaps this is why we have had this endless series of battles for thousands of years with no resolution. This compels us to recognize that Thrasymachus was indeed correct. It matters not what is the form of government and the corruption of the Judiciary will never cease just because you change the President.

Edward Gibbon (1737–1794) wrote in his monumental work, *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, that the emperor Caracalla (198–217AD) indeed corrupted the legal system of Rome. *“Suspicion was equivalent to proof; trial to condemnation.”* (Book 1, Chapter 4).



Edward Gibbon (1737-1794)



Athens Imitation AR Tetradrachm
(21mm 26.92 grams) circa 450BC
EGYPT, Pharaonic Kingdom. Uncertain pharaoh(s)
Late 5th–mid 4th centuries BC

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The Leviathan is indeed the Bureaucracy, which cares not who is at the head for they alone control the state. Prosecutors will still charge whomever they desire, and the Judges will deny a fair trial just like Judge Shindlin of the Southern District of New York, who sentenced a man to life even after the President and Congress signed a treaty guaranteeing that no one extradited from Columbia would receive more than 20 years. The Second Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the defendant Lara had no standing to object because the treaty was with Columbia, and only they could appeal. Obviously, you have to wonder why anyone would ever trust the United States.

So, you see, there is no Separation of Powers that was to be the bulwark against tyranny, for the Judiciary obeys no one and only the Bureaucrats can indict, not the people. To indict, the prosecutor is not required to present any evidence that would show he might be wrong. This is the very same tyranny against which we revolted against. Even William Shakespeare's most famous quote comes from a rebellion against this very tyranny: "*The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers.*"² Private citizens were denied lawyers back then. The only lawyer worked for the king. Today we call them prosecutors.

We no more live in a Republic today where the will of the people is respected by representatives elected to office. All the tyranny of the past has resurfaced. Thomas Jefferson included in the Declaration of Independence the complaint that the king's prosecutors were protected immune from the law and the Supreme Court has held that prosecutors today have absolute immunity.

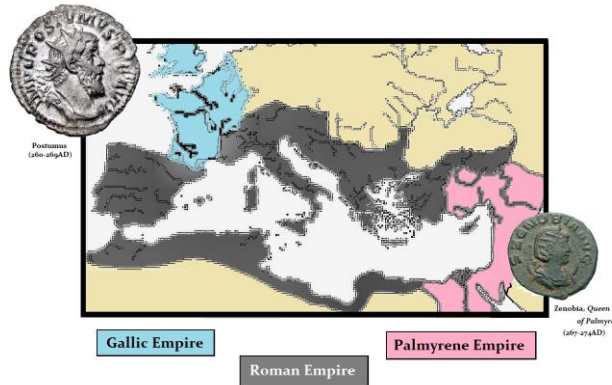
Thucydides was correct that mankind cannot truly understand his future without comprehending his past. For history itself contains repeated occurring patterns of the same arguments and battles time and time again – only the names change. The very reason history repeats over centuries, has been simply because human nature never changes. Corruption existed in ancient times as it does today.

The Roman elections of 53BC illustrate the fact that it became a bidding war between the various factions paying bribes. There was so much bribery involved that interest rates jumped from 4% to 8% during those elections. This bidding war was so serious, that the Senate of Rome was forced to act. Pompey professed to be shocked at the entire affair, which was highly unlikely given his part in the dealings. The Senate was forced to announce prosecutions against all concerned,

² (Henry The Sixth, Part 2 Act 4, scene 2, 71–78)

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and the offices of Consul were given to other parties following a confession by one candidate, Memmius. Political contribution scandals are still taking place today as they did thousands of years ago. Nothing has ever changed.



Tetrarchy (293-305AD)
Diocletian & Maximianus as Emperors
Galerius & Constantius as Caesars
(located in Venice)

During the Third Century we come to the capture of the Roman emperor Valerian I (253–260AD) by the Persians in battle. He was the first emperor to be captured by an enemy. That sent a message of weakness throughout the empire and the barbarians in the North began to invade. This prompted the Roman Empire to split into three parts when the central power could no longer provide the security for all. Valerian's son, Gallienus (253–260AD), presided over the collapse of the Roman monetary system. By 270AD, Rome constructed its massive defensive wall to protect the city, which it did not need before.

As the empire began to implode, numerous Generals were usurping powers to try to claim the office of Emperor. This was the atmosphere upon which the general Diocletian (284–305AD) who sought to stabilize the empire, created the Tetrarchy to end civil wars. The Tetrarchy split the Roman Empire creating two emperors (East & West) with two vice presidents known as Caesars who took office and was loyal to the opposite who were in line for succession. Diocletian was the first to retire in 305AD.



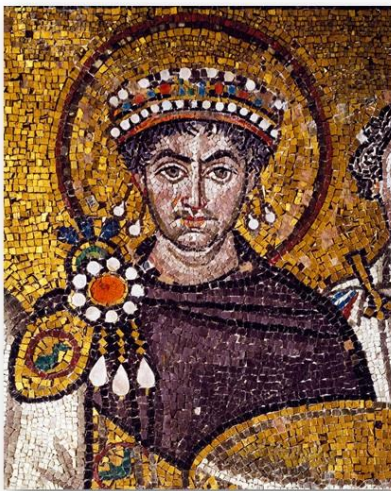
Aurelian (270-275AD) Constructed Defensive Walls Around Rome

It was that division of the empire that failed to satisfy the lust for power. Constantine the Great (306–337AD), the son of one of the Caesars, Constantius I Chlorus ("The Pale") (293–305AD), claimed he saw a sign of the cross in the sky and claimed that because there was just one God, there should be only one emperor.

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We find that 224 years after the death of Constantius I and the rise of Constantine the Great, we come to the year 530AD and the reign of Justinian I (527–565AD). Justinian is famous for his legal reforms known as the *Cedex Constitutionum*. This was a new legal code of Imperial Enactments or Constitutions in 528AD. Interestingly, a second commission of his reform was an attack once again on the corrupt judiciary. He sought to codify all the laws known as his *Digesta*. This commission began in 530 and was delayed by great civil unrest and did not appear until 533AD. He also simultaneously had established the *Institutiones* text books for the training of law students, also published in 533AD. A second edition was published in 534AD whereby he revised the laws that previously existed in his famous *Codex Justinianus*, and his subsequent legislative reforms came much later in 565AD known as his *Novellae Constitutiones Post Codicem*.

The reforms attempted by Justinian came at a very steep price. The two political parties at that time were known as the Blues and the Greens. This is no different



Justinian I
(527-565AD)

than we have today between the Republicans and the Democrats – Conservative v Labor. Those with a self-interest who stood to lose in these reforms, incited civil unrest fueling violent confrontations and attempted to appoint a new emperor outright who would keep the status quo. The people, as usual, were manipulated and knew nothing about what they were really arguing about. So, in 532AD, the instigators achieved the civil unrest between the Blues and the Greens as they will eventually do once again in the time just ahead.

This uprising became known as the “Nika Revolt”, that in Greek means to “Conquer” or “Win” insofar as the overthrow of Justinian for his reforms, mostly for his anticipated legal reforms. Everything erupted at the Hippodrome, the major sports arena.

The rioters attacked and set fire to the city prefect’s office (chief of police) and other public buildings. They even attacked the Imperial Palace setting fire to it and

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burned down the leading church of the Holy Wisdom that was attached to the Palace. They then were led to the Hippodrome by the secret instigators demanding the dismissal of the city prefect's office and the two new reformer ministers of Justinian John of Cappadocia and the advocate Tribonian, who were the architects of the reforms. That was not so different from the Russian coup against Gorbachev.

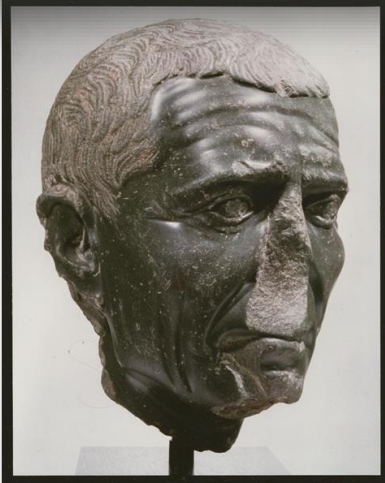
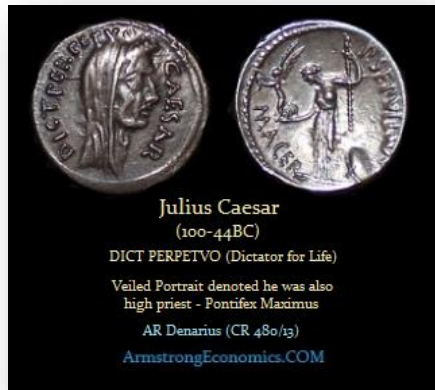
The next day, the instigators put up the nephew of the late emperor Anastasius whose name was Hypatius. A small group of senators whose personal interests were also to be benefitted, supported the coup. It was Empress Theodora 527–548 the wife of Emperor Justinian I who turned around events. Justinian was going to flee the city after 6 days of violent riots that began on January 13th, 532AD. Theodora made him stand his ground. Once it appeared that Justinian would stay, she helped his two leading generals Belisarius and Mundus to rally troops who were stationed outside of the city and were not of local Greek origin. They entered the city and attacked the mob that had gathered in the Hippodrome. That ended in a wholesale massacre of what is believed to have been 30,000 people and Hypatius was also executed.



Theodora
(c. 500–548AD)

Historically, the Rule of Law has always been the most critical part of an economy for nothing can survive without it. That is what “civilization” requires – the assent to the rule of law where personal disputes are settled. Otherwise, there is no settlement and as such, there cannot be investment for even title to property becomes impossible. If someone wants your land, they just come and take it.





Julius Caesar
(100-44BC)
(Black Bassault Bust
Commissioned by Cleopatra)

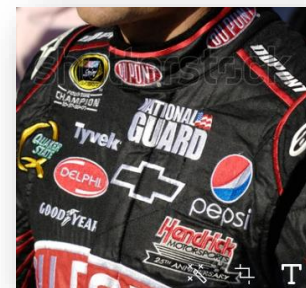
Yet every time, it is the corruption of judges that leads to the destruction of society. Once they can be bought and the courts stacked with political objectives, the end is usually well in sight. Every major collapse of a society has been accompanied by the corruption of the Rule of Law. Once that takes place, it is time to turn-out the lights.

We find every major reorganization after a political conflict involves the reestablishment of the Rule of Law. The first Roman Emperor Augustus (27-14AD) also revised the legal code upon taking power. We also find Julius Caesar (100-44BC), perhaps the most profound politician in history with a crisp and truly brilliant mind, also had to eliminate the widespread corruption in the courts and enacted the Lex Julia, meaning the Law of Julius.

Indeed, if we look at Julius Caesar and investigate the contemporary writings of all those at the time rather than merely just the corrupt and biased writings of Cicero and Cato, who are renowned for their "Republican" support when they only

sought personal power, we begin to get a better sense of the scope of the full and widespread corruption that led to the fall of the Republic, forcing Caesar to cross the Rubicon and rightly so!

The Republic, like our Republic today, was nothing close to its intended design. It fell into an oligarchy created from corrupt senators doing the bidding of their donors. They really should be wearing jackets as they do in **NASCAR** displaying all the donors and who they are really voting for.



The Corruption was so outrageous that forced Caesar to cross the Rubicon was the fact that they had even bribed the high priest – Pontifex Maximus. If they did not want to go to an election, the high priest had the power to declare the necessary days to adjust the

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calendar by weeks of months we call leap years today. Caesar took the office of Pontifex Maximus and standardized the calendar we call the Julian calendar to end the corruption. When they rig the very calendar to win elections, that shows just how corrupt a Republic can become.

John Stuart Mill (1806–1873) wrote a landmark piece he titled – “*On Liberty*.” In this work, he pointed out that “*let us not flatter ourselves that we are yet free from the stain of legal persecution.*”³ Mill’s review of the principle of liberty is very critical for if we would limit all the powers of the state to restrain only violence and allow all other disputes to be settled between the people, the world would be starkly different. Mill wrote:

“The only purpose for which power can be rightfully exercised over any member of a civilized community, against his will, is to prevent harm to others. His own good, physically or moral, is not a either sufficient warrant . . . over himself, over his own body and mind, the individual is sovereign.”

On Liberty

Chief Justice Marshall (1755–1835) of the US Supreme Court also wrote in the cornerstone decision of American jurisprudence obviously ignored by virtually all federal judges:

“The very essence of civil liberty certainly consists in the right of every individual to claim the protection of the laws, whenever he receives an injury.”

Marbury v Madison, 5 US 137, 163 (1803)

Unfortunately, there seems to be no form of government that ever works for the true benefit of the people. Our pretended “Democracy” that is really a Republic will never investigate a judge and it holds even prosecutors to have absolute immunity. The Supreme Court claims by Rule 10 that it is its discretion to even vindicate the Constitutional rights of any citizen. There is nothing that a citizen has anymore, for even property can be taken by the government under its concepts of right of domain. When it comes to taxation, you are merely the property of the state, an economic slave. Americans owe taxes no matter where they earn income even if they live overseas because the state’s power supersede individual rights. Your



John Stuart Mill
(1806-1873)

³ (Oxford World’s Classics ed, 1998, p34)

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income is not your own, it is the property of the state. The government and its agents can lie to us, but if we lie to the government or an agent, that is five years in prison.

How did we end up like this? The public and private edifices of liberty that were founded for eternity lie prostrate, naked, and broken. What the Founding Fathers believed in, not direct taxation, has been pushed aside in 1913 by people championing Marxism. Our nation is crumbling and once that change was made, the eternal battle between left and right was unleashed like the dogs of war. What was once the monuments to our liberty, lie like the colossal statues of Rome and Greece, will lie shattered and prostrate on the ground with their limbs even missing for posterity to discover.

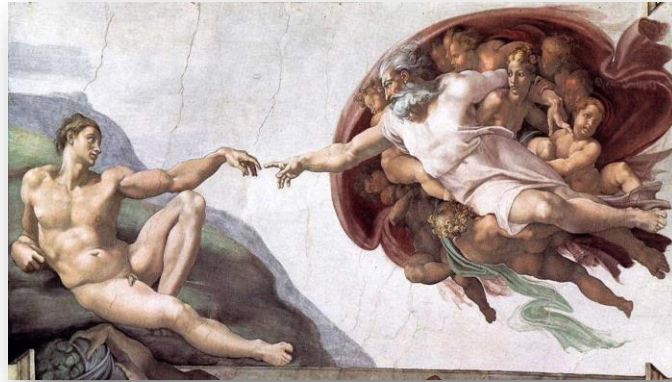
The ruin of what was the beacon of liberty for the world is no longer visible masked by the fog of self-interest and corruption. Like Rome, all we are destined to leave behind are the same stupendous relics that will only survive the darkness until the wheel of fortune completes its revolution and our injuries will resurface in time but any lessons will not be heeded to allow the wheel of fortune to spin once again. The Roman goddess Fortuna was pictured with one hand on the rudder of a ship and in the other, a cornucopia to symbolize that she could change your fortune on her whim.

Government twists facts and manipulates the people to its own self-interest. If we look at King Henry VIII (1509–1547), he created his own church that just so happens to have been at the time when his treasury was in bad shape. Was it really religion, or economics? When we look at Constantine I (the Great), it is true that he championed Christianity, but that justified him confiscating the vast hordes of wealth held in Pagan temples. He was not baptized until his death bed. In just these two cases, if we follow the money, we see different motives. The Spanish Inquisition also resulted in the confiscation of wealth, and to win in pretended trials, they would dig up even a corpse and place it on trial to confiscate the estate from his heirs.



Roman goddess Fortuna was the deity of luck holding a Cornucopia symbolizing great fortune and the other hand is steering the rudder of a ship symbolizing she can change the direction of your fate at any moment

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Religion seems to be for the masses, not to those in power and certainly never for government. There is no evidence to show any government through the centuries that has ever actually respected religion. They have never acted with any honorable intention. Whenever governments have been in desperate need for cash, magically there is a religious dispute that somehow ends up justifying the confiscation of religious wealth.

Governments always confiscate the wealth of temples since ancient times. Even back in 1984, the U.S. Tax Court upheld the removal of tax-exempt status from the Church of Scientology of California — saying that the church “made a business out of selling religion” — and ordered it to pay \$1.4 million in back taxes for the years 1970 through 1972. They could not do that to churches that pre-existed in the United States. But try to create a new church and watch what happens.

The French Revolution is yet another example. To fund the revolution, the Catholic Church was portrayed as linked with the King and that then justified confiscating the wealth of the Church. Under the Civil Constitution of the Clergy in 1790, the Church owned about 10% of the lands coming out of the old feudal system. This resulted in open war between the revolutionaries and the Church. As far as government is concerned since Marxism, they along give life to the economy and rights to the people.

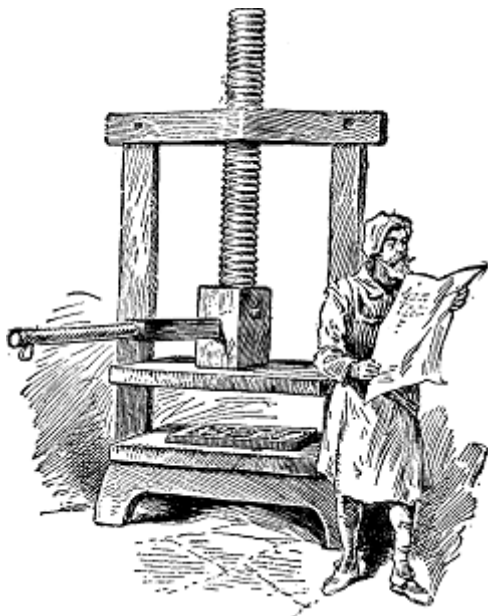
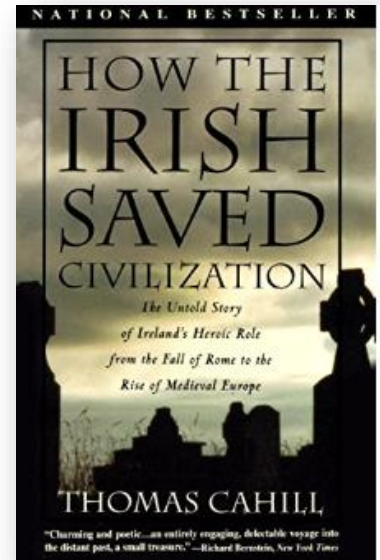


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Once more, it was religion that became the rich emerging from the dark ages because there was no trade, capitalism, or even property ownership. The collapse of Rome in the Western Empire led to the suburbanization of Rome as people initially fled the rising taxes that began under the reign of Diocletian (284–305AD). In fact, it was Diocletian who instituted a passport system to restrict movement to be able to collect his taxes. Yet the fall of Rome led to the suburbanization of Europe which eventually gave way to the trend toward feudalism.

What we must understand is that the key to comprehending politics and the fate of the global economy is to follow the money. It was the great movement to create monasteries that instituted the rebirth of the Enlightenment insofar as they brought back the study of ancient knowledge. Where the Dark Ages lost most recorded history. The Irish claim they saved civilization for the records and books in the monasteries there survived.

The languages of ancient Greek and Latin had been lost. Therefore, as monasteries formed, this created the revival of the Roman practice of publishing books by copying them by hand and the people who did the copying were known as scribes.



The Monastery movement brought back to life the old Roman Scriptoriums. The spread of knowledge was truly enabled by the invention of the printing press by Johannes Gutenberg (1390–1468). This replaced the role of monastic scriptoriums and thus led to the tempting land values held by the monasteries to some kings short of cash.

For the one thing that began was the trade fairs. Kings and Princes would go to such events and seek to borrow money from the merchants. This eventually led to amassing profits that gave birth to merchant banking.

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Sultan Muhammad II - The Fall of Constantinople
(April 6th, 1453 - Tuesday, May 29th, 1453)



Constantine XI
(1448-1563AD)

Meanwhile in the East, it was the fall of Constantinople on May 29th, 1453AD that changed the world. Constantine XI (b: 1405; 1448–1453) was the last Emperor of the Byzantine Empire. He died in battle at the fall of Constantinople in 1453. There was little he could do to save the Constantinople since most of the Empire had fallen by this point in history.



Ivan III (The Great) (1462-1505)
Sophia Palaeologus (c 1449-1503)

Sultan Mehmed II (1432–1481) was approaching Constantinople. The scholar fled to Rome and the Byzantine princess Sophia Palaeologus (c1449–1503) was married to Ivan III (The Great) of Russia (1462–1505AD). The Greek Orthodox Christianity thus was transplanted to Moscow.

Constantine XI did what he could to organize the defense of the city. He established a stockpile of food to prepare for a siege. Constantine also repaired walls in hopes of defending the city. However, Mehmed II came with the new invention of the canon from China. The walls that were once formidable would not withstand such an assault

with canon. The economy of the Byzantine Empire had imploded. Even the coinage of Constantine XI is void of any gold. Constantine could only muster perhaps 7,000 men to defend the city against an onslaught of an Ottoman army that numbered perhaps 70,000.

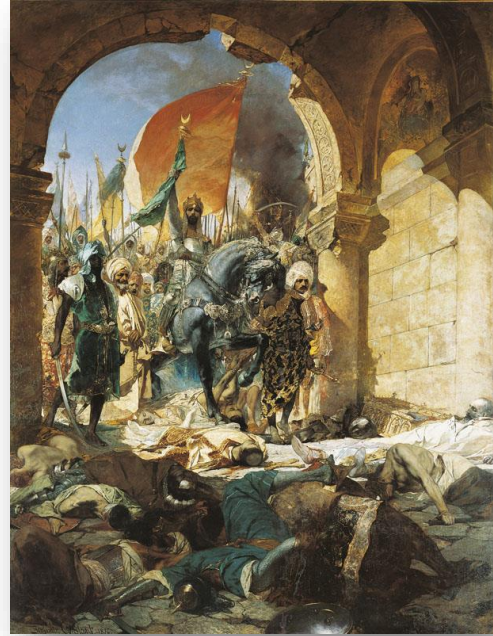
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Before the siege began, Sultan Mehmed II made an offer to Constantine XI. In exchange for the surrender of Constantinople, the emperor's life would be spared and he would continue to rule in Mistra. As preserved by G. Sphrantzes, Constantine replied:

To surrender the city to you is beyond my authority or anyone else's who lives in it, for all of us, after taking the mutual decision, shall die of our own free will without trying to save our lives.

Constantine personally led the defense of the city fighting alongside his troops in the land walls. Constantine died that day when the city fell on May 29th, 1453 fighting on the walls. There were no known surviving eyewitnesses to the death of the emperor and none of his entourage survived to offer any credible account of his death.

According to Michael Critobulus (writing later in Mehmed's service), he remarked, *"The city is fallen and I am still alive."* Then he tore off his imperial ornaments to let nothing distinguish him from any other soldier and led his remaining soldiers into a last charge where he was killed.



The Russian orthodox Church was the surviving body after the fall of Constantinople. Moscow effectively became the Third Rome. The center of Greek Orthodox had moved to Moscow. Of course, previously on July 16th, 1054, there was the Great Schism split of Christianity into two divisions, Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox. Today, they remain the two largest denominations of Christianity.

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This movement to seize the wealth of monasteries by pointing to the corruption in the Church, is the same model used today to point at the bonuses paid to professionals to justify confiscation of wealth from the individual rich. Government always turns events to justify why their target does not deserve what they possess.

Middle Ages

The attack upon the Catholic Church by the various states from Henry VIII onward was a thirst for wealth. In fact, in 1512, Henry VIII had joined his father-in-law who was Ferdinand II of Aragon against the French contrary to the advice of his counselors. This war was essentially in defense of the Pope. Henry VIII had no military talent himself.

Henry VIII essentially abdicated the rule of England to his good friend and Cardinal of the Church Thomas Wolsey.

Between 1515 and 1527, Henry VIII did little governing, and did more spending than he should have.



Charles V
(1500-1558)
(Holy Roman Emperor 1519-1556)

The death of Maximilian I as Holy Roman Emperor in 1519, led to the election of his grandson Charles V who thus brought the crowns of Spain, Burgundy (with the Netherlands), and Austria consolidating the royal dynasties of Europe, with the exception of France.

By 1521, Henry VIII became merely a subordinate outpost of Charles V's Imperial power. Wolsey's attempt to reverse alliances sparked trade disputes and the vital English cloth trade with Netherlands was affected.

This created a further economic decline and a rising degree of unpopularity. Henry VIII concluded that Wolsey's policy failed and he had to go. England became largely a joke in Europe under Henry VIII and this led to rising unpopularity even for Henry.

Henry VIII ultimately turned to Thomas More (1478-1535). In 1523, Wolsey called a Parliament seeking a rise in taxes, but that voted by Parliament, was well below that which



Henry VIII (1491 - 1547)
King of England (1509-1547)



Sir Thomas More
(1478 - 1535)

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was needed. The next year, a Special Tax was imposed, but in the face of fierce opposition, it had to be rescinded the next year. By 1527, Henry VIII was facing total bankruptcy. He had no influence overseas and was becoming unpopular at home.

His wife Catherine was unable to provide a male heir. Only one child survived – Mary. The rising unpopularity made Henry fear that without a male heir, no one



Anne Boleyn
(c. 1501 or 1507 – 1536)

knew what would happen to England if a female came to power, Henry thus became infatuated

with Anne Boleyn (1507–1536). Yet Anne Boleyn proved to be the real power behind the throne and was able to manipulate Henry to achieve her goals.

Anne had convinced him that his marriage was against divine law since Catherine of Aragon who had been married to his elder brother Arthur who died in 1502. Boleyn convinced Henry that the many deaths of his children was God's judgment. She persuaded Henry this was God's judgment.



Catherine of Aragon
(b 1485; Queen 1509–1536)

It was political, for Henry petitioned Pope Clement VII for an annulment, but the Pope had previously been imprisoned by Charles V (1519–1556) and now Henry was asking for relief from the Pope but Catherine was the aunt of Charles V. Pope Clement was a prisoner between 1527–1528. Consequently, what would have been reasonable, was barred by the relation to Charles V.

Henry turned to Wolsey who was trying to cling to his power. He managed to create a trial in England, but this was frustrated by the Pope in 1529. When this failed, Henry got rid of Wolsey. Thomas More thus rose to the chancellorship. It is clear that Henry saw the Pope as a subordinate of Charles V and not a true and impartial leader of the Church.



Pope Clement VII
(b: 1478; Pope 1523-1534)

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Sir Thomas More told Henry he did not approve of the divorce. Henry vacillated for about 3 years, hoping that Rome would change its mind. Anne Boleyn wanted the throne and convinced Henry he did not need to subjugate himself to Rome.

Finally, in April 1532, control of the council was won by Thomas Cromwell (1485–1540), who held full control for about 8 years. Cromwell created the break with Rome and ruthlessly did in fact seize the Church properties to refill the treasury. Henry VIII married Anne Boleyn in January 1533. The Pope retaliated with a sentence of excommunication.

The model became that of Constantine I whereby he was the emperor over both that state and the church. Henry had never intended a religious revolution. But this was created in part due to

- (1) political conflicts, and
- (2) economic bankruptcy.

It was the seizure of the monasteries that were dissolved in 1536–1540, that was even followed by a tax on the clergy, but Cromwell also altered the power-base, and made the king subordinate to Parliament.

Yet the king retained the executive function of prosecuting the laws, as we still have today. The respected Thomas More fell to the new “treason” laws and was executed along with about 50 others. The English families of Pole and Courtenay were axed for treason charges that they were linked to the Pope, but in reality, they could claim royal blood and were thus adversaries to the Tudor line.

Cromwell thus expanded the power of Parliament and profited from the seizure of the monasteries. This break with Rome set in motion the concept that the wealth represented now in land emerging from the Middle Ages, could be taken from the church just as the city of Constantinople was plundered. God notwithstanding, the bureaucracy cares nothing about who holds the wealth be it manor gods. The state has a never-ending appetite for wealth, and it matters not what tale must be spun to justify its seizure.

The church was picked clean by virtually every government. It was not until 1929 that Vatican City was given its own status as a sovereign state. Until then, it was



Thomas Cromwell
(1485 – 1540)
Lord Great Chamberlain
(April 17, 1540 – June 10, 1540)



Pope Pius VI
(b 1717; Pope 1775-1799)

nothing more than the spoils of war – a war of the various governments as always and forever, against the people.

It was Pope Pius VI (b 1717; 1775–1799) who would pay for the desperate actions of the state to confiscate the wealth of the Catholic Church with his life. In October 1781, the hard times of economic decline led the Holy Roman Emperor Joseph II (1765–1790) to issue the Edict of Toleration because of the rise of non-Catholic minorities, or so he claimed. By suddenly claiming the need to be religiously tolerant, as part of the same decree he declared that all monasteries were dissolved and their lands confiscated as being “unnecessary.”

Joseph II then redrew the diocesan boundaries of the Catholic Church himself. These were certainly not acts of any tolerance. He then assumed control of all seminaries and abolished all festivals. One does not overthrow the clear majority for a minority if there is not economic gain, which was the great wealth of lands accumulated through the dark ages.

It was Joseph II who gave the idea to the French to confiscate the wealth of the Church to fund its revolution. The French demanded an oath of fidelity to the state by the Clergy. Pius VI objected on March 10th, 1791 and that established the forced split of the French Church with Rome. It is true that Pius VI supported monarchy and feared the new revolution rising. Communism was born with the French Revolution. This was due to the fact that he saw the band of French Revolutionaries as an invading mob.

After Napoleon defeated the Austrians, he turned against Rome in 1796. Napoleon forced the Pope to sign a peace treaty on February 19th, 1797 at Tolentino. But by December, a riot of the people broke



Joseph II (Holy Roman Emperor)
(b 1741; Emperor 1765-1790)

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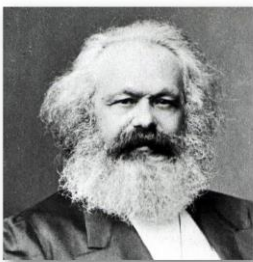
out against the French in 1798 which led to the full occupation of Rome by the French. The Italians themselves had grouped together and declared an Italian Republic as did the French. The French refused the Italian right to a revolution.

The following year, the French then seized Pope Pius VI in March of 1799. He was imprisoned and held in solitary confinement until he died a mere prisoner of political power. Normally it was the clergy who crowned emperors. Napoleon crowned himself.



The long contraction in the temporal power of the Church came to a final resolution where all that remained was Vatican City finally recognized as a sovereign state but not until 1929. The assault on the institution of the Church was really just a thirst for wealth rather than religion.

Most of Southern Europe remained Catholic, demonstrating that there was a power play for wealth no different than the Crusades, which plundered Constantinople and took the wealth back to Venice when this was a battle between Christian forces – not Arabs. England remained engulfed in the Protestant v Catholic rivalry as was the cause in Ireland and even in Germany – Bavaria (Catholic) v Prussia (Protestant).



Karl Heinrich Marx
(1818-1883)

"Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world, and the soul of soulless conditions. It is the opium of the people".

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There is simply no evidence that the Government ever truly respects religion. With power comes the typical rejection of the idea of God looking down – how dare he tell a head of state what to do. Religion, as Marx said, is

just the opium of the masses. Religion merely becomes a tool to manipulate the people. Constantine I (The Great) benefited by claiming he was Christian for that empowered him to then rob all the wealth of the Pagan Temples. He supported Christians because politically this supported his views that there was one God and thus there should be one Empire, not divided, with one Emperor.

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It is the inability of the state to ever properly manage its expenses that has caused countless wars and the decline in economic progress. No matter what type of government that exists, it always fails. Communism fell in China and Russia for they also failed to manage their expenses.

The Russian Revolution proclaimed atheism as the national policy so once more there could be the confiscation of religious property and your loyalty was to the state – not God.

Currently many see this movement against religion as typical from the left mindset with the abortion rights to the abandonment of even school prayer. There are similarities no doubt. Perhaps that is something that is inherent within the Marxist mindset and that might be the reason behind the inclusion in the Ten Commandments for the very existence of Sparta as an ancient communist state confirms that this battle between left and right has existed for thousands of years.

Understanding the Past is Critical for the Future



When William Penn founded the city of Philadelphia, he took the Greek word *philia* because it translated to Brotherly Love. I took that in the Chastain sense that I love my brother. However, in its correct context, it meant a sister married her brother – incest. In Egypt, one was considered to be lucky if they had a sister to marry. That way the family wealth would remain with the family.



Ptolemy I and Berenice I (left)
Ptolemy II Philadelphus & sister-wife Arsinoe II (right)
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Hence, Ptolemy II married his sister Arsinoe II and he was known as Philadelphus for that practice was down upon by the Romans. Thus, judging the past requires at least some real understanding of the period in which a term was used.

There is little doubt that in modern terms, we are still in this battle against Marxism. While this violates the very foundation of all religious beliefs, we are actually in this fight for our freedom of religion as well as our personal liberty. Prior to the American Revolution, under the system of monarchy at that time, people were property of the king. If you killed someone in Paris but were from London, the French could not

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put you on trial. They had to send you back in chains to your king who would then decide your fate.

The American Revolution changed jurisdiction over everything. Since the United States revolted against this very concept of monarchy, this presented a huge legal problem that is discussed in great detail in a major Supreme Court case, Reid v Covert, 351 US 487 (1956). The burning question was:

What would happen if a foreign person committed a crime in the United States? Should he be sent in chains to be punished by his king when the new government was revolting against monarchy?

Thomas Jefferson (1743–1826) argued that any person who came to the United States was obligated to obey the laws here, and would have the same rights, privileges, and immunities of a citizen. There would be no sending people in chains back to a king of a foreign land. Consequently, with the birth of the United States came a totally revolutionary idea that is often lost in the history books. This changed the very foundation of law for centuries.

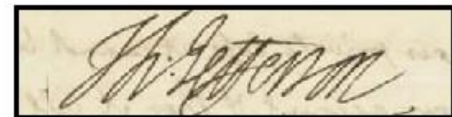
Even the War of 1812 was fought because Britain took the position that an American born in England was still a subject, and thus American ships were being seized and the American individuals were now forced to serve on British ships. So, you see, we have come full circle and

the state counts upon the Marxist philosophy to justify stripping every American of the very liberty that the Revolution was fought for, the right to be an individual. We are to pay taxes on anything we may do overseas. We have merely replaced the king with our Republic.

The theory upon which the Supreme Court held that the United States can tax worldwide income of all American citizens regardless of where they may reside. The theory set forth is precisely what we revolted against that merely being a citizen we derive a mutual benefit and therefore that justifies worldwide taxation. There are only two countries that tax worldwide income. Most respect that if you do not live in their country, you are not benefiting or using their services or



Thomas Jefferson (1743–1826)



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infrastructure and as such you should not be paying for something you are not receiving.

The contention was rejected that a citizen's property without the limits of the United States derives no benefit from the United States. The contention, it was said, came from the confusion of thought in 'mistaking the scope and extent of the sovereign power of the United States as a nation and its relations to its citizens and their relation to it.' And that power in its scope and extent, it was decided, is based on the presumption that government by its very nature benefits the citizen and his property wherever found, and that opposition to it holds on to citizenship while it 'belittles and destroys its advantages and blessings by denying the possession by government of an essential power required to make citizenship completely beneficial.' In other words, the principle was declared that the government, by its very nature, benefits the citizen and his property wherever found, and therefore has the power to make the benefit complete. Or, to express it another way, the basis of the power to tax was not and cannot be made dependent upon the situs of the property in all cases, it being in or out of the United States, nor was not and cannot be made dependent upon the domicile of the citizen, that being in or out of the United States, but upon his relation as citizen to the United States and the relation of the latter to him as citizen. The consequence of the relations is that the native citizen who is taxed may have domicile, and the property from which his income is derived may have situs, in a foreign country and the tax be legal—the government having power to impose the tax.

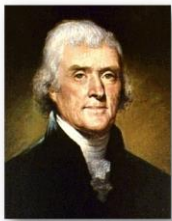
COOK v. TAIT, Collector of Internal Revenue, 265 U.S. 47 (1924).

Consequently, the Founding Fathers outlawed direct taxation. That was amended in 1913 adopting the theories of Karl Marx instead of Thomas Jefferson. Hence, Thrasymachus was correct. Justice is only whatever the government declares it to be. There can be no freedom if citizens are to be subjected to direct taxation. All taxation MUST remain as indirect such as a sales tax. That must also be confined to no greater than 5%. Governments will always spend more and more and keep raising taxes to serve their own self-interest.

The Political Battle of Today



Today, it might seem like we are Don Quixote fighting windmills. We are certainly living under the pretense that somehow; we live in a democracy when it is a Republic. We live merely in a delusion. The fact that they lie to us about that, only illustrates that they lie to us about everything else. The power of the people today is no more powerful to change the fate of a nation than at



Thomas Jefferson
(1743 - 1826)

"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure."

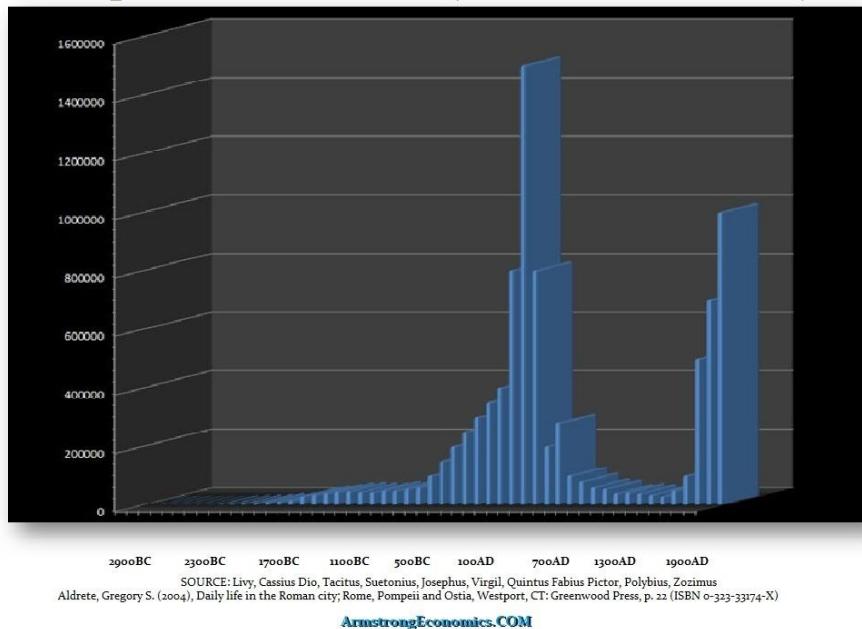
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any time throughout the tortured past of history. Thomas Jefferson was a student of history. He knew sadly that major change only comes by revolution. The question merely becomes, what will it take to demand major change this time around?

The first step in understanding the dangers we face is to identify the foe. When there was no Rule of Law just the greed of the state, people did not trust any bank and buried their wealth as they did during the 3rd century that brought down the Roman Empire.

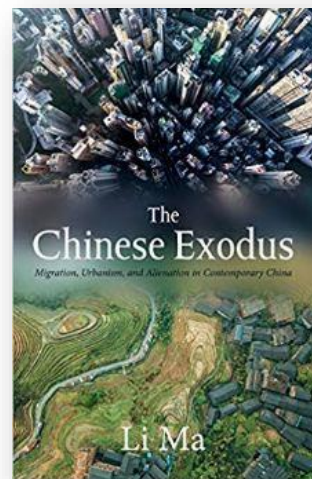
We only climbed out of the dark ages slowly and with much pain where the velocity of money, contracts, capital investment, was almost non-existent or unreliable. There was no debt for to borrow, one had to have typically twice the collateral. Only with the gradual rise in trust did commerce begin to resurface and without that capitalist spirit, there was no thriving economy.

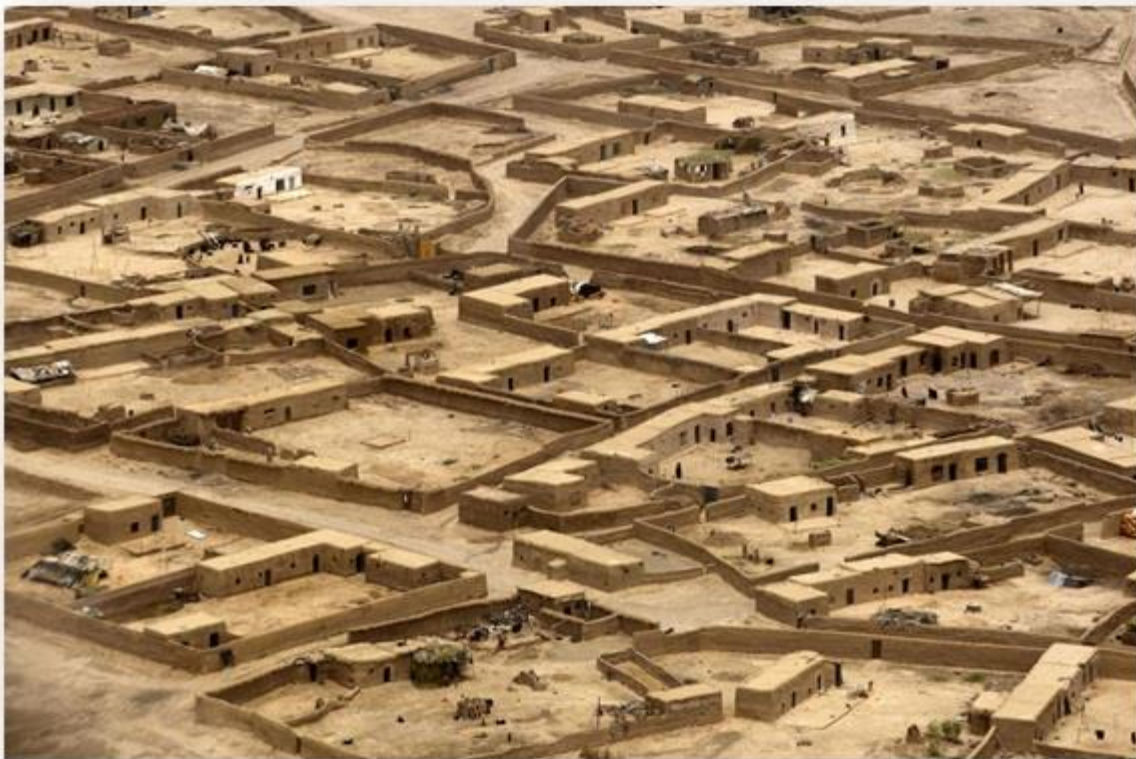
Population of Rome (3000BC - 1900AD)



As a society begins to flourish, more and more people are attracted. The same pattern always unfolds. All roads led to Rome and even the barbarian wanted to imitate the Romans. People are attracted to the concentration of wealth that becomes the great central city. Rome was the first city to reach a population of one million by 133 BC. Following the fall of Rome, it was not until the city of London, England, reached a population again of one million until 1810 during the reign of George III (1760–1820) and in comparison, New York City finally reached that level in 1875 thanks to all the people fleeing Europe. That took 1943 years for London to reach that same population of Rome. It was during 15th century that the population of Rome collapsed to between 15,000 and 35,000 at the very best.

There is an interesting book entitled *The Chinese Exodus* which is discussing the great migration from the rural to the city. This work explores the sociological and theological discussion going on concerning China's internal migration since the marketization reform in 1978. This is the same process that has taken place in every culture. People attracted to Rome, London, New York, and even to Hollywood to become the movie star. History repeats because human nature never changes through centuries or culture.





Catal Huyuk c 7500-6700BC first city development

Civilization is created by people being attracted to the core city. Today, it is hard for most people to visualize a timeline of history. Eridu is often considered the oldest city among the ancients, for it is mentioned in the Sumerian King List:

"In Eridu, Alulim became king; he ruled for 28800 years. Alalngar ruled for 36000 years. 2 kings; they ruled for 64800 years. Then Eridu fell and the kingship was taken to Bad-tibira."

Damascus in Syria has been established as being as old as 10,000 years, and the city of Jericho is nearly as old in Israel. A major Bronze Age city, Catal Huyuk (c 7500–6700 BC), has also been argued to be the first real major city displaying true urbanization with trade guilds for construction, agriculture, and even art as many homes had painted murals. Even this was about 6,000 years before Herodotus.

Catal Huyuk has clearly established that civilization is the coming together of everyone for mutual benefit. The artist can paint murals and be paid to buy food rather than spend the day hunting for his next meal. Civilization begins to reverse when it is divided into groups putting one against the other. This is precisely what Wokeness has unleash – the destruction of our civilization.

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The differences can be race, ethnic culture, or religion. Today, people are pulling down statues and judging people from the past based upon the present standards. This undermines the entire foundation of history. Differing philosophies aside, how one justifies the past in his mind is not always reality. The trend against the individual or any group be race, culture, or religion and each are subject to the vast changes in interpretation.

The Greatness that was Rome



Via Appia - The Road to Rome

The Greatness that was Rome was certainly of a different day. There are valuable lessons to be learned for it did, after all, last for 1,000 years. What made Rome great was free trade and no income taxes. Conquered lands found it economically beneficial to be part of the Roman Empire. They could suddenly sell their local products freely throughout the empire. This strengthened and expanded local economies. It was that foundation of free trade that provided the security for Rome as an Empire. As long as everyone benefitted, there was no need for rebellion. It was held together not by threats and military power, but by economic freedom. You do not rebel against the hand that feeds you. Hence, all roads led to Rome.

In addition, the Romans practiced both free speech and the freedom of religion. Some will immediately say no way, they persecuted the Christians. While that is true, we must also look at it from their perspective. Yes, there were many gods. That was because Roman allowed all the conquered lands to retain their own gods. The problem that the Christians presented was that they insulted all other religions and refused to allow the freedom of religion. In that respect, they were the trouble makers. The Jews has Jesus crucified for a similar reason of insulting the Jewish religious leaders. Consequently, as long as everyone was free to worship in their own way without attacking others, then everything was fine under the freedom of religion.



The Greatness that was Rome



The Romans were truly masters at building an empire. They left each land to retain their own gods and their culture, but extracted whatever benefits they saw and took home. There were some who tried to impose their god upon everyone such as the emperor Elagabalus (218-222AD) who was from Syria. A black meteorite fell to the earth there and they worshiped it as a stone from the gods. They built a temple to it and it became known as the Stone of Emesa.

Elagabalus brought the Stone of Emesa to Rome and paraded it around and placed images of it on coinage. His reign was notorious for religious fanaticism, cruelty, bloodshed, and excesses of every description, and there was general satisfaction when, on March 6th, 222AD, Elagabalus and his mother Julia Soaemias were murdered in the praetorian camp. Their bodies were dragged through the streets of Rome and thrown into the Tiber. The Stone of Emesa,



Elagabalus
(218 - 222AD)
Chariot Carrying Stone of Emesa

however, was still respectfully returned to Syria.



Roman Bronze As (1 pound)

Rome absorbed the best of all the cultures had to offer. For example, they took the idea of international trade from Carthage. We even see the Roman coins made of bronze begin to have the prow of a ship on their reverse. From the Greeks they took

philosophy, stoic ideals, math, literature, and the concept of schools. They also took the idea of a central bank from the isle of Delos where the temple often provided a means for carrying out transactions and provided a source for capital. Even kings would borrow from the temple to fund wars, which was effectively the first central bank. The first silver coinage of Rome was actually struck at the Greek standard to facilitate trade.



ROMAN REPUBLIC (269-266BC)

AR Didrachm, Neapolis (?) 6.84 grams
Head of Hercules right with club and lion's skin over shoulder
Rev. She-wolf suckling twins; in exergue, ROMANO (Crawford 20/1)

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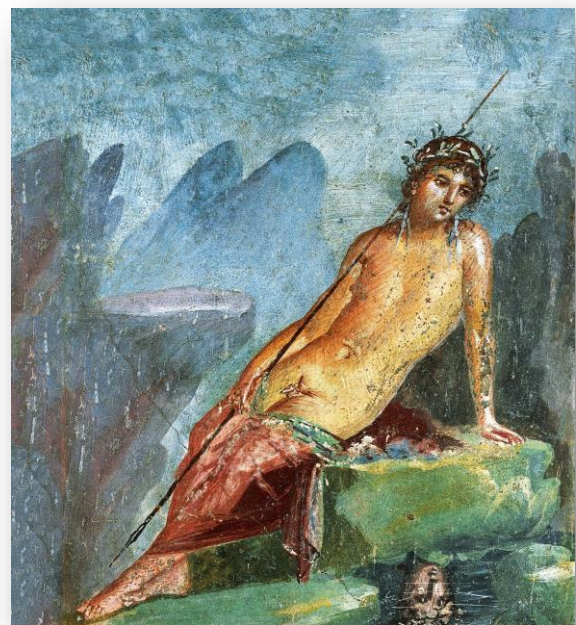
The Greatness that was Rome

To advance in our knowledge we must listen to both sides of all arguments and to the lessons of the past. Peace is not attained with threats of sanctions and nuclear power. We have to take the best from each concept and blend that together to create a new understanding if we are to ever get out of the insane battle of words between the left and the Right.

Sometimes we seem to be as thick-headed as a stone. We do not look to the past as a society, but seem to think that we are so brilliant, that we have come up with a brand-new idea and never take the time to see if it was ever used or tried before.

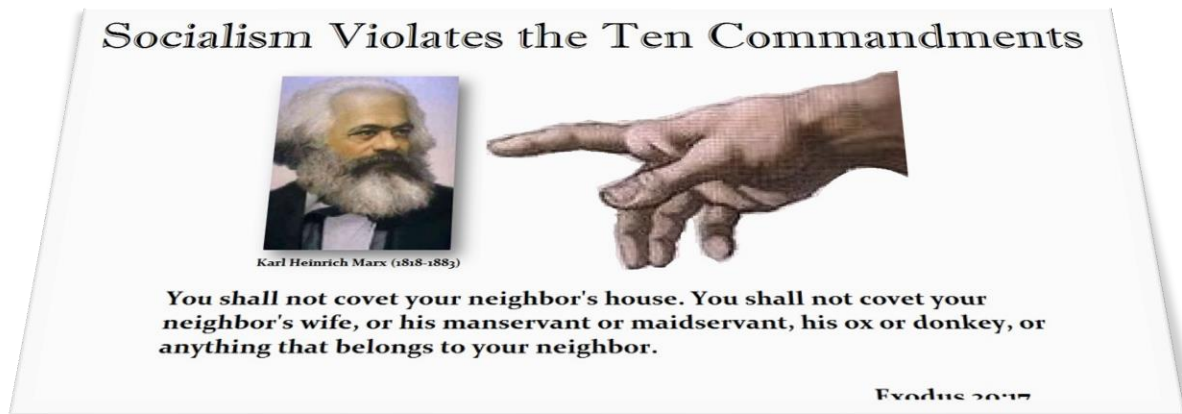
To some degree, as a society we seem to retain the Greek superstition that it was unlucky or even fatal to see one's own reflection and never look to the past. This belief was captured by **Narcissus** painted on a Wall at Pompeii 14-62AD. The story of **Narcissus** who was the son of the river god Cephissus and the nymph Leiriope, he was distinguished for his legendary beauty.

His mother was foretold he would have a long life provided he never looked upon his own image. His rejection of the love of the nymph Echo or of his lover Ameinias, drew the wrath of the gods. He was cursed and fell in love with his own reflection and died or committed suicide for he could not embrace himself. This may be the curse of modern politicians.



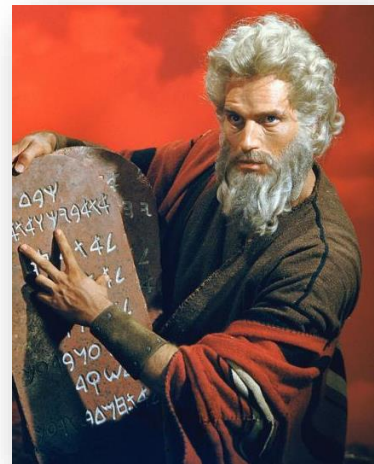
We should not fear looking upon the image of our own conduct or of our past as a society. If we listen to the past, we may just learn some extraordinary solutions. Every time for change that manifests into a revolution comes demanding economic change. It was Julius Caesar and his reforms of the corrupt Republican Oligarchy and the debt crisis behind the revolution. The American Revolution – no taxation without representation. The French Revolution – let them eat cake.

CONCENTRATION of Wealth & Social Justice



While Karl Marx was wrong and overlooked human nature and tried to change our very character, his disastrous ideas cost over 200 million lives. There is no way government can somehow replace the private sector and make all people equal in monetarily for we are all different in our talents. Freedom is what creates innovation – the ability to pursue our curiosity that leads to discovery and advancement. Failing to see that leads to tyranny. All advancement and discovery only take place when the people are free to think, imagine, and experiment. That can never be organized by a central command of government.

We cannot forget that one of the **Ten Commandments** is not to covet their neighbor's goods or wife. The problem we have has been the introduction of the income tax that Congress voted in during 1909 before they saw the manifestation of Marx's ideas with the Russian Revolution in 1917. The idea of equality monetarily was the downfall of Communism.

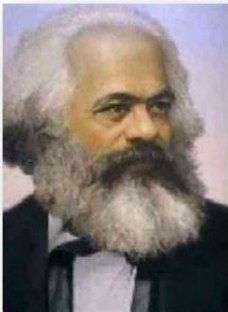


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The seizure of the German state by the Weimar Republic (1919–1933) in November 1918, a Socialist revolution broke out in Germany, and the emperor was compelled to abdicate. Germany was forced to accept the Allied peace terms and under the Treaty of Versailles, Germany lost all of its overseas colonies and some of its European territory as well. The Rhineland was ordered to be a demilitarized zone similar to the no-fly zones imposed on Iraq. Allied forces continued to even occupy Germany until 1930, as hard times of the Depression began to effect budgets.

The Weimar Republic followed Marx and confiscated 10% of everyone's wealth in December 1922 that resulted in the collapse of confidence in government and the hyperinflation that followed. It was that oppression mainly by France demanding reparation payments upon the people when it is always the leadership who invokes war that opened the door to Hitler.

The United States also adopted the income tax and Marxism both before the Russian Revolution of 1917 and the social justice experiment of the Weimar Republic in Germany. Perhaps, if the men who had voted on the income tax could have gone back and repealed it after what they saw in Russia and Germany, they might have realized the mistake they made in adopting the ideas of Karl Marx. Post-1913, we ignore the fact that America also embraced Marxism by using the term "social justice" omitting, of course, whose idea this was – Karl Marx.



Karl Marx (1818-1883)

As I have explained, the **Concentration of Wealth** is just how everything functions. An individual contributes to society creating a business and jobs like Henry Ford and a nation rises above all others because of its contributions of its people as a whole – the true wealth of a nation. Capital will always concentrate for that is what has been behind the rise and fall of empires, nations, and city-states. To reject that is to reject how everything functions.

Concentration of Wealth

The **Concentration of Wealth** is the heart beating at the core of our economy, but it is fractal in nature. In other words, this means that it takes place through the varying layers of time from years to centuries. It also extends through the individual

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level, into the economic sector level, and then rises to the level of nations and regions. That is what also prompted Protectionism that was the great trend of the Depression era in the 1930s. Competition among nations.

This was the **Concentration of Wealth** between nations that politicians did not understand and sought to eliminate. The Dark Ages was a period where there was no economic trade. The Arabs cut-off access to the ports for Western Europe and the Vikings suppressed Europe from the North. Economic trade began to collapse deepening what became known as the Dark Ages.

The Concentration of Wealth is the effect of economic interaction. We must come to understand this is what creates progress. We must understand that this rises to the level of sectors. The greed of American unions has driven up the costs of cars and lowered the quality to the point that the consumer has been driven away from the product. The unions tried to stop the sectorial concentration of wealth by clinging to it, demanding it not depart so they can retain their jobs. But this is not the way an economy can be managed. If you want more money, improve your skills and move between the sectors. Do not expect to freeze economic progress to force an outcome.



This is what is actually taking place with each economic decline. It is the shift in the concentration of wealth and capital from one sector to another, one nation to another, or one region to another, depending upon the intensity of the crisis. This is the positive side of a depression. It is the passing of one generation to the next. We all cannot live forever, and this is true within the economy. Right now, this is the day of reckoning for the Financial Industry. We see J.P. Morgan Stanley trying to regroup and move back to retail brokering, while we see Goldman Sachs refusing to change and retain its proprietary trading that truly has nothing to do with being a bank. That IS a hedge fund, not a banking function. Goldman has become a hedge fund with FDIC backing but retains all profits.

It was the famous Panic of 1907 that brought a spectacular end to the railroads that were sort of the Dot. com era of the late 1800s. The corruption and excess

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that took place with that economic expansion culminated in an economic collapse. This gave way to the commodity explosion into 1919 and the outstanding collapse thereafter into 1921. This gave way to the age of the automobile that led the stocks up again into the 1929 high. While this correction was sharp, it was also a debt crisis in Europe that was furthered by a 7-year drought that destroyed farming. It was the WPA at that time that helped the transition from the farm to a skilled labor force. Each boom and bust creates the crash from the sector that has seen the greatest concentration of capital and that creates the excesses. As that sector collapses, workers are left stranded and have to make the transition to the new sector about to rise.

Even if we look before the birth of the income tax, we see a little-known march of workers demanding the same thing back in 1894 – public financing of public works to create employment. The leader was Jacob S. Coxley who was a businessman in Ohio. It became known as Coxey's Army, but it was not quite that big. It was a group of unemployed who marched upon Washington during the depression of 1894. They were demanding that Congress authorize a vast new program of public works, financed by a substantial increase in money supply since there was no such thing as income taxes. Coxey's Army left Massillon, Ohio on March 25th, 1894 with



Coxey's Army Marched on Washington

about 100 men. By the time they reached Washington, the group was now about 500. The Government responded as it always does, ignoring the First Amendment and the right to assemble as well as free speech, by arresting Coxey for walking on the grass. The Government crushed his protest and once again, the United States showed its true colors. The Leviathan is hell-bent upon its own self-interest. It may stand on its soap box and preach social justice, but it is bullshit. The only thing they champion is more governmental power at the expense of the individual.

All I can hope for is to expose the truth about Marx, and reveal that it is this Concentration of Wealth that is the very essence of the economy be it at the pure individual level, sectorial, national, and regional levels. If we would not endorse Protectionism, we must not endorse the confiscation of wealth among individuals. We should understand the movements between sectors and emphasize

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education to teach how to live with the natural cyclical forces within nature. This is truly how the global economy functions and we should no more destroy this Concentration of wealth or Capital than we should try to stop the beat of a heart. With each economic decline on a major level, this is the passing of this Concentration from one sector to the next. Those who fight it, desperately trying to relive the past glory, are indeed suffering from a Narcissus complex insofar as they can only see their own reflection. We must see the whole, not what we only want to see for our own self-interest.

CONCLUSION



We must realize that there is nothing more important than the Rule of Law. The liberty and integrity that so many have died for in the American Revolution against monarchy, has crumbled into a state of corruption that seems to be the timeless process of revision, reform, and resetting the stage for the same acts of corruption. No matter what we do, it seems that the solution always becomes the next problem throughout history.

It was once believed that the first legal reform was that of Hammurabi (1792–1750BC). What this codification of the Rule of Law represented, was the first attempt to create international law by the merging of cultures through conquest and reconcile the differences in legal concepts between two people. But it has been in recent years been discovered a hoard of clay tablets from the First Gulf War in Iraq, the seat of Hammurabi.

This new discovery was purchased by a private collector who hired people for the translation. This private collector has been criticized by the archaeological field that he purchased them on the black market. Their self-interest aside, the private capital this Norway collector brought to the translation effort was something that the archaeologists have to beg for funds from governments to do any work. Not likely in times of economic stress and war.



The Code of Hammurabi Black Basalt Stele - Louvre

CONCLUSION



***Legal Code of Ur-Nammu
(circa 2100BC)***

What this collector paid for, demonstrates to the world that the legal code of Hammurabi was a reform of an even earlier legal code previously unknown of about 600 years before.

There have been countless legal reforms because the Judicial system is by far the most corrupt in history. Without the legal codes and the Rule of Law, not the arbitrary will of judges that vary from case to case as we have today in Federal courts, there can be no international trade nor investment for there is no right to property.

In my research of the Rule of Law and its link to the economy, I discovered in the Babylonian legal texts at the British Museum, one man sold a house to another, but he then took the door with him and a lawsuit took place. It turned out that since the climate changed and trees became rare, wood rose in value to the point that the front door made of wood was worth more than the house. The lawsuit ruled in favor of the buyer that it was presumed that the door went with the house since there was no specific notice that it would not be included.

We must understand that our system is legal and the monetary system is crumbling. There is nothing that we can do to change things because Democracy is truly dead. There is no vote that we have to demand reform for the Republicans and Democrats are well entrenched into the status quo.

Perhaps when the economic collapse reaches such an extent, there is no one to buy the debt from anticipated multi-trillion-dollar deficits with rising interest rates, then and only then will we see change. Post-2032, we will most likely see a new legal and political system emerge.

International protectionism may rise again as politicians fail to understand this natural trend within the Concentration of Wealth. We are on the verge of a profound change in the world as we know it. It could be such a great springboard if we could shed the inherent corruption within the unelected Leviathan that has nothing to gain by honesty, only corruption.

CONCLUSION

Our elected officials will never investigate the Leviathan, and the Supreme Court is nothing more than a political court that rules only when it is in the self-interest of the political trends at the moment. The only form of government that I ever encountered that seemed to work was that of the city-state of Genoa. The doge (president) rotated annually amount the wealthy families. Because he would be back on the receiving end, he would never pass a law that was draconian.

There was no Marxism at issue so there was no class-warfare. Instead, Genoa was managed like a corporation competing against Florence and Venice. In that respect, everyone benefited.

There cannot be any direct taxation as the Founding Fathers originally established. There should be no socialism whereby the state regulates what you can do based

upon what their current philosophy might be. The more power the state takes, the less freedom the people will have. Now, the government controls the press by threatening a journalist to do what they insist of or they will find themselves with a tax audit or some other violation.



Coxley's Army Marched on Washington

During the march of Washington by the unemployed known as Coxley's Army, they arrested Coxley for walking on the grass

while claiming it had nothing to do with his fundamental right to protest. This is the problem when you have countless ways for the state to shut down whatever they want always claiming it is for another reason.